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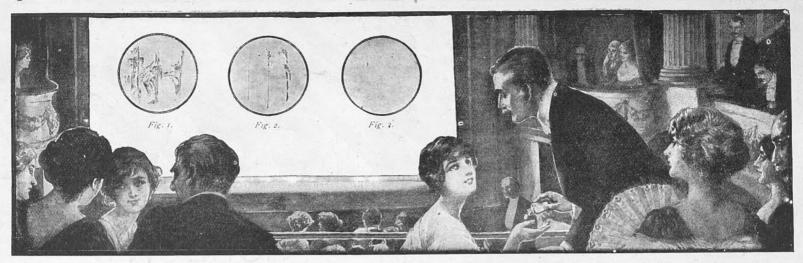
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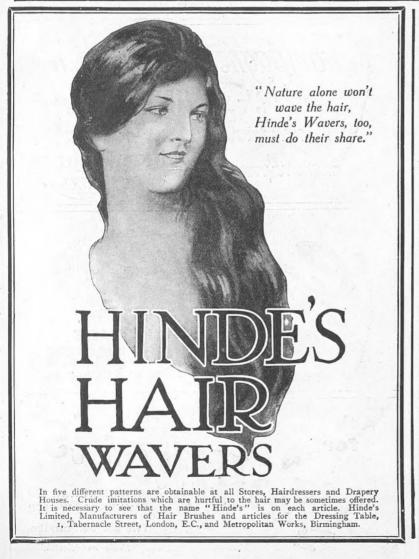
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At St. Moritz: Some Well Knowns.



THE WIFE OF A FAMOUS DANCER: MME. WASLAW NIJINSKA ON THE RINK.



READY TO GO DOWN THE CRESTA RUN: LADY RIBBLESDALE AT ST. MORITZ.



WATCHING THE SKATING CARNIVAL: SIR CHARLES
AND LADY MARKHAM.

Well-knowns from every walk of life have gathered on the rinks and runs of St. Moritz. Madame Waslaw Nijinska, wife of the famous Russian dancer, is a fine skater; Lady Ribblesdale is a sportswoman who enjoys tearing down the famous Cresta Run; and the Duchess of Alba and Berwick, whose marriage to the Duke



PUTTING ON HER SKATES: THE DUCHESS OF ALBA
AND BERWICK.

took place recently in London, is fond of skating. Another recent bride who has been at St. Moritz with her husband is Lady Markham. Her marriage to Sir Charles Markham, Bt., took place on Dec. 8, and she was formerly Miss Gwladys Beckett. She is the daughter of the Hon. Rupert Beckett.—[Photographs by L.N.A.]

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Weddings of the Week: A Batch of Brides.



LEAVING ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER: MR. JOHN DUCKWORTH-KING AND HIS BRIDE, MISS NORAH LEVY.



MARRIED AT ST. JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE: MR. ALEXANDER MCARTHUR HOLMAN AND MISS MARGERY BOOT.



MARRIED AT ALL SOULS', LANGHAM PLACE: MR. LEIGHTON SEAGER AND MISS MARJORIE GIMSON.

The marriage of Mr. John Duckworth-King, Coldstream Guards, younger son of the late Sir Dudley Duckworth-King, Bt., to Miss Norah Levy, daughter of Sir Maurice and Lady Levy, took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster.—Miss Margery Boot, second daughter of Sir Jesse and Lady Boot, was married to Mr. Alexander McArthur

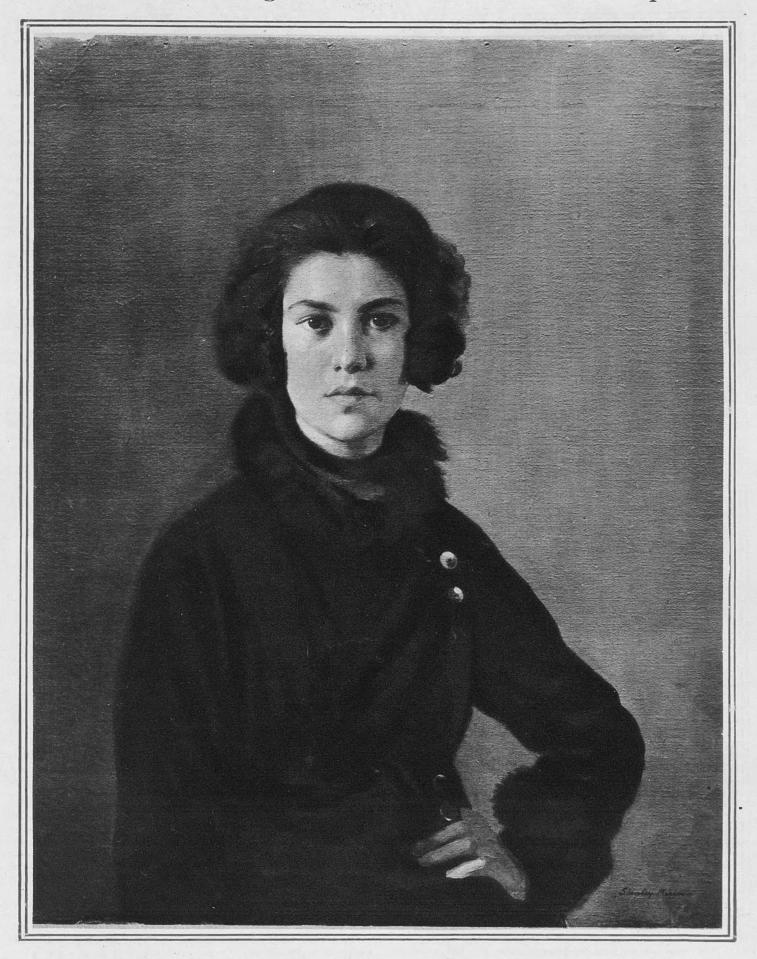


LEAVING THE CHAPEL ROYAL, SAVOY: LIEUT.-COLONEL R. FORESTIER-WALKER, D.S.O., AND HIS BRIDE, LADY FULLER.

Holman at St. John's Church, Westminster.—The marriage of Miss Marjorie Gimson and Mr. Leighton Seager took place at .All Soul's Church, Langham Place.—Lt.-Col. Roland Forestier-Walker, D.S.O. (son of the late Sir George Forestier-Walker) and Lady Fuller (widow of Sir John Fuller, Bt.) were married at the Chapel Royal, Savoy.

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The Granddaughter of a Famous Philanthropist.



ON VIEW AT THE GRAFTON GALLERIES: MISS YVONNE ZAHAROFF, A PORTRAIT BY STANLEY MERCER.

Mr. Stanley Mercer's portrait of Miss Yvonne Zaharoff is one of the most interesting exhibits at the National Portrait Society's Show at the Grafton Galleries. Miss Zaharoff is the grand-daughter of Sir Basil Zaharoff, G.C.B., G.B.E., the well-known financier and philanthropist, who founded Professorships of Aviation at the Universities of Paris,

Petrograd, and London; and the Marshal Foch Professorship of French Literature at Oxford; and has been a generous donor to the poor of Paris, and to the different British war charities and funds. He has the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, and was created a G.B.E. in 1918, and a G.C.B. in 1919.—[From the Portrait by Stanley Mercer.]



ROM rapturous days in Hampshire back to tepid, flat, and unprofitable days in town, one at the dog show and another at the sales—such has been Mariegold's history.

The first person she met in London was Mr. William Gillett, at a Hyde Park Hotel function for an Infant Welfare Centre.

"Other people's weddings, other people's infants! How like him, wasn't it? But it brought me back to town in double-quick time—



r. Angela has decided to join a "big-game" shooting party.

This gives her a splendid excuse to ring up such of her admirers as have been rather neglectful of late, to ask their advice about guns and outfit.

seeing him, I mean, in that familiar black coat with its fur collar. It's like running up against the Monument. That would be convincing enough, wouldn't it, if you happened to be day-dreaming about frosted fields instead of remembering you were in the City. It's the same with Mr. Gillett, only he is the embodied spirit of another region of town. When you meet him, you may be sure you are somewhere between St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the Bachelors' Club, or between his favourite seats in the Park and Lowndes Square. He is Knightsbridge incarnate."

"And so is Mr. Cunninghame Graham," she ran on. "But he got as far as the Spanish pictures at Burlington House the other day, and I found him very amusing and instructive. I wish he was an art critic, in place of a few of those regular 'merchants,' who bore me! He is just as whimsical and unexpected about El Greco as he is about Lavery and the other moderns. Lavery is rather a pet of his, you know.

know.

"And how gallant he keeps, and slim and good-looking. He has slipped into middle age without becoming a Cantlie man. You know what I mean by that—an amalgamation of stoutness and stiffness. The Cantlie men all have growing-old pains.

"Did I ever tell you that Sir James Cantlie, who now caters for the elders, once helped to educate me? I still blush when I remember how long it took him to teach me how to make a sailor's knot. He earned his knighthood then, several times over. I used to go to his V.A.D. classes. But he is not Knightsbridge. He is Harley Street. Knightsbridge, as I started out to say, is where one inevitably meets Mr. Cunninghame Graham." Sir James's son, Commander Colin Cantlie, was married in Edinburgh last week.

But to get away from Knightsbridge—and Harley Street. Mariegold's country episode included a ball at Winchester, where she met Lord Somers and his fiancée, Finola Meeking.

Finola Meeking's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson (he is High Sheriff for the county), stood all expenses, and with five hundred tickets at a guinea each, it meant that the hospital bagged five hundred guineas net—exceptionally good business, considering how very shadowy the actual profits from most charity functions are.

"Very swish—really very swish!" was Mariegold's description of Mrs. Herbert Johnson's dress. "A really rather nice Louis XVI. dress—very swish!"

"It was an orgy of congratulations for Lord Somers. All his regiment is devoted to him, you know; and he did so frightfully well in the war from start to finish, and she has such a wonderful V.A.D. war record, that everybody feels they have earned their pleasures and gaieties. They both hunt and yacht, and she is first-rate at golf. I had just been reading her sister Viola's account of the 'round the clock' motor tour the two girls did quite alone, from Stockbridge to Scotland.

"In the middle of the dance a local girl came and told me about her, thinking I was a stranger. 'The sweetest girl in England,' she said. "The sentiment fitted in with the pleasant atmosphere of local

"The sentiment fitted in with the pleasant atmosphere of loca enthusiasm that filled Winchester that night. But I have heard th



 And with great foresight she lays in a large supply of facecreams and so forth—supposing that it may be difficult to get really good ones in the wilder parts of the Dark Continent.

same sort of thing said in London. They are all due in London in a few days, by the way."

"One wakes up, where I was staying, when the maid brings in a small china tray, with a diminutive tea-pot—a preliminary canter to a great country breakfast in the hall downstairs, where the wood fire is. And then one dozes between the two temptations—tea and sleep—

until the church on the other side of the garden-wall strikes the hour, and one wonders whether it is eight or nine.

"One is sleepy because, in this house, every bed-room has a shelf of bed-side books, with a light and switch within reach, so that one reads into the small hours-reads the books that one has played bopeep with for a life-time. I finished my education by getting through the whole of Herman Melville's marvellous 'Moby Dick,' a real stunner—and all the 'Compleat Angler.' And then one takes a leap-and looks out of an open window on to a garden and fields all veiled in white-green frost. It is all so much more luxurious than London. Those icy-looking fields in the sun make one enjoy one's warm bath so much more than I ever enjoy mine in the gloom of Curzon Street."

This country episode was afterwards prolonged at Burton-on-Trent for the Meynell Hunt Ball. At Rangemore the Dowager Lady Burton entertained a large party. Viola Meeking, Finola's elder sister, was



3. She buys some very charming pyjamas also-she thinks they will be very useful for desert wear.

Dances in town have not been able to compete with the Hunt Balls either in

one of Lady Burton's guests, and the

younger Baroness

was there, too, with

the Hon. Maude

Baillie, Lady Mary Cambridge, and

Lord Eltham.
"Thus you see

the Baillies of Doch-

four remain Baillies

of Dochfour, though I have heard that

Lord Burton wished his daughter's hus-

band to bear his

family name instead.

Had that happened,

we should always have read in the

Times social column

of the movements

of Baroness Burton

and Mr. Bass, or

Colonel Bass. But it didn't happen. It is even said that Lord Burton left a legacy to his sonin-law on condition he took the name-

compensation, one must suppose. But it didn't hap-

The Baillies did not need

as

pen.

legacies.'

size or quality. The "quality," for instance, that turned up at York was of a substantial sort, to match the two leading ladies-the Duchess of Norfolk and the Duchess of Leeds.

"But the dances here have been very pleasant-Mrs. Archibald Maclaren's, for instance; and Lady Dorothy Lee-Warner and Mrs' Joseph Addison filled Hans Crescent Road the other night with the spirit of revelry.

"I thought while I was there of Katharine Tynan, who has been in London lately, and who has been saying nice things about the modern girls. Deliciously boyish, she calls them, with their bobbed hair making them look like pages in Florentine pictures. And at the Lee-Warner-Addison dance one naturally thought of Botticelli, because of Mr. Philip Lee-Warner, the only man in the world with 'Botticelli' for his telegraphic address. He makes those charming Medici prints,

you know.
"Well, Katharine Tynan says she saw 'girls as beautiful as Venus swaying on the straps while young men sat.' Venus as strap-hanger! I wonder if there is a personal origin for that remark. Did they let Pamela, her daughter, stand one afternoon between Marble Arch and Oxford Circus?

'I saw Pamela again the other day, and again thought her very pretty. She still talks pretty broad Irish; but is still, I believe, capable of breaking the hard hearts of English officers in Ireland.

"Talking of bobs, the best I have seen for a long time is Jessie She has the Florentine look all right. She and her sister, both daughters of Lady Galloway, saved time and trouble by having their engagements announced simultaneously the other day.

"So Mr. Vaughan-Davies thought better of Ceredigion. He is Lord Ystwyth of Tan-y-Bwlch instead. It means," laughed Mariegold, "that he will go through life as 'Your Lordship.' No mere acquaintance will presume further than that."

And then, after a pause-

"Golly, what a name!" she sighed.

Lord and Lady Salisbury are expected back in Arlington Street in good time for Helen Cecil's marriage to Alexander Hardinge. They will, in fact, be back in a few days to prepare for the ceremony, at which Lord Salisbury will give away the bride. The reception will be in Arlington Street.

"Shrove Tuesday is the day-the day before Lent. I am told that Lord William Cecil, Bishop of Exeter and the bride's uncle, thinks it is a case in which Lenten penances need not be considered. Imagine a bride and groom going through a honeymoon without cigarettes! Besides, a pipe is the one thing that keeps a man in countenance when the Press photographers arrive the day after the wedding!"

"But Cecils and Hardinges, perhaps, are old-fashioned enough to be not at home when the camera men collect in the porch at Oakfield, Penshurst. That is where they are going after the wedding, instead of to the Riviera, which they thought of, but rejected because of the

" Bordighera, I am told, has as many cameras as olive-trees. The whole Riviera bristles with them.

"The English folk at Bordighera—regular Bordighera people, most of them-have been having a pantomime, arranged by Mrs. Seymour Arnold and Count Riccardi-Cubitt. Lord Montgomerie, a small boy, has been playing in it. He is there with his mother, Lady Eglinton. A friend writes me about it. How her letter makes me long for that coast-not for the pantomime, though it went well; not for the people; but for the Mediterranean, where it laps against the rocks, and for the sight of those distempered houses in the sun, against banks of olive-trees.'

Strange are the ways of infatuation. Because she admires Mr. Birrell, Mariegold must needs persuade her bookseller-in-chief to get us invitations to the annual dinner of the International Society of Antiquarian Booksellers. The result was that on Thursday we went through with a typical big Criterion dinner. Our learned booksellers struck me as being, at bottom, simple-hearted creatures; they



4. And in a few weeks she hopes to be in Darkest Africa, shooting extinct roebuck with becoming nonchalance and a Service revolver.

evidently loved the bad speeches, the songs, the conjurer-everything that prolonged the agony.

But Birrell was fine, with his great grey head, twice as big as any bookseller's, and a voice twice as big too. His bookselling son was there also, absurdly like him, but a few sizes smaller.

Were You There? Three Jolly Hunt Balls.



AT THE BUCKINGHAM COUNTY BALL: THE BALL-ROOM.



AT THE PORTMAN HUNT BALL: LADY MARJORY KENNEDY, LORD BASING, MISS BLEZARD, AND MISS LLOYD



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ON THE STAIRS AT THE DORSET HUNT BALL: A GROUP INCLUDING LADY MOYRA DAWSON DAMER.



DANCERS AT THE PORTMAN HUNT BALL: AN INTERESTING GROUP.

Our page shows some of the dancers at recent hunt balls. The group taken at the Portman Hunt Ball, held at Blandford, includes the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury; Viscountess Portman; Lady Glynn; Mr. Victor Hunt; Captain and Mrs. Learmonth (the

secretary and his wife); Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Herbert Percy; Lady Moyra Dawson Damer; the Hon. Mrs. Anstruther; Captain Dudley North, and Captain Rouse Boughton, many of whom also attended the Dorset Hunt Ball.—[Photographs by S. and G.]

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HELD AT THE DORCHESTER CORN EXCHANGE: THE DORSET HUNT BALL.



ATTENDED BY THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED GUESTS: THE PORTMAN HUNT BALL AT BLANDFORD,

Can you find yourself and your friends at either of these balls? The Dorset Hunt Ball took place in the Corn Exchange, and was a great success. The Countess of Ilchester; Viscountess Portman; Sir John and Lady Lees; and Lord and Lady Wynford were among those who i you "pick out" in our photographs?-[Photographs by S. and G.]

brought parties.—The Portman Hunt Ball at Blandford was well attended, the guests including Viscountess Portman, the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury, Lord Basing, and many others. Whom can

Small Talk

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cultivated there by

the Duke of Cornwall

(the Prince of Wales).

Sometimes, in rough

weather, the Helford

is impassable, and then a drive of some

sixteen miles has to be

undertaken before a

station can be reached

prospective Mrs. Hard-

man - Jones is the

daughter of Sir Arthur

Vivian by his mar-

riage with Lady Jane

Dalrymple, of Lord

other daughter, Mrs.

A. B. Anstruther

Stewart, also lost her

Stair's family.

The

from Bosahan.

OMEN jurors have not fulfilled expectations. It is not that they have done badly, but too well. Presumably the idea that a woman can do an ordinary job, such as men do as a matter of course, takes a great deal of getting used to. Though women have now been recognised as "persons" in the political and state sense, there are still, it would seem, a large number of people who cannot grasp the fact, or at least who refuse to believe in feminine sanity. Now great things in the way of what, for want of a better word, must be described as "feminine" displays were confidently expected from women jurors. The newspapers were all ready with eager reporters anxious to send along "good stories" on the subject. A faint or two was the least that the ordeal was expected to yield. Hysterics would have been accepted as a matter of course; one man of my acquaintance even talked of taking smelling-salts and a brandy-

flask, hoping, by a timely appearance with both, to get an extra good bit of Whether he really fulfilled his intention he now refuses to disclose. A Disappointment. But the women neither fainted nor screamed,

and not so much as

a single tear-drop is

recorded. The occa-

sion that called out the

"special reporters"

was the first appear-

ance of the jury-

woman at the Old

Bailey, and it has to

be confessed that,

from the purely spec-

tacular point of view,

the event was a dis-

mal failure. The

women, however, did

their work perfectly

calmly and well. In

fact, they behaved like

rational human be-

ings, exhibited a quite

masculine disposition

to "grouse" at the

expenses entailed on

the job, and a no less

human inclination to

evade service if pos-

sible. So far there is

no report of any

learned Judge or legal



ENGAGED TO CAPTAIN R. T. BARNARD: MISS YATE.

Miss Lois Burnley Yate is the elder daughter of Colonel Sir Charles Yate, Bt., C.S.I., C.M.C., M.P., etc., and Lady Yate, of Prince of Wales' Terrace, and Ashfordby House, Melton Mowbray. Her engagement to Captain R. T. Barnard, M.C., The Queen's Bays, elder son of the late Mr. Arthur Barnard and of Mrs. Barnard, has been announced.

Photograph by Bassano.

luminary firing off "funny" remarks at the expense of female jurors, and justice still pursues the even tenor of its way.

West-Country people in particular will be in-About an terested in the engagement of Captain Everard Engagement. Hardman-Jones, R.N., of the cruiser Caledon, and Mrs. Parker, widow of Captain W. M. Parker, of the Rifle Brigade, who lost his life in the war in 1915. The bride-to-be is a cousin of Lord Swansea, and daughter of Sir Arthur Pendarves Vivian. Sir Arthur, who is now in his eighty-seventh year, lives principally at Bosahan, his beautiful place on the Helford River, a few miles south of Falmouth.

Bosahan is a fine house, with beautiful, almost His Own Idea. tropical, gardens surrounding it. Both they and the house were planned by the present owner. Years ago, while yachting with his first wife, Lady Augusta Vivian, Lord Dunraven's sister, Sir Arthur Vivian found himself at this part of the Cornish coast, and thought it so attractive that he decided to build a house overlooking the Helford River, famous for its oysters that are

husband in the war. Still a Bachelor.

"I hand myself over for you to take care of," is a Bishop's view of matrimony. Evidently Bishop John Taylor Smith, Chaplain - General to the Forces, does not think any woman capable of the task so far as he himself is concerned,



ENGAGED TO MR. JAMES HAROLD DUNDAS-GRANT: MISS KATHARINE HERMINE GALLOWAY.

Miss Katharine Hermine Galloway is the younger daughter of Sir James and Lady Galloway. Her engagement to Mr. James Harold Dundas-Grant, younger son of Sir James and Lady Dundas-Grant, has been announced.-{Photograph by Bassano.}

for, despite this strongly domestic view, he remains a bachelor. But I confess that the indignation the reverend gentleman's statement- has aroused amongst some few of "the ladies" is a little surprising. Are not women for ever asserting that men are little better than children, and need to be constantly looked after if they are to be saved from foolish actions? Miss Lilian Braithwaite de-

clares that the Chaplain - General would shovel all the responsibilities on to the wife. It seems an extreme view to take of what one can't help feeling is the attitude, if one can draw the inference with respect, of a not too energetic character. I can't help thinking that the man who is willing to hand himself over to his wife to take care of would find plenty of applicants for the job of caretaker. You notice Bishop Taylor Smith makes no conditions. It is just because some modern husbands are so perverse as not to enjoy being "run" by their wives that trouble so often arises. The Bishop evidently does not come under that category. What a pity that he did not propound his marriage theory in Leap Year!



ENGAGED TO MR. GEOFFREY MILNER: MISS NANCY GALLOWAY.

Miss Jessie Antoinette (Nancy) Galloway is the elder daughter of Sir James and Lady Galloway. Her engagement to Mr. Geoffrey Milner, youngest son of the late Mr. Edward Milner and of Mrs. Milner, of Northwich, has been announced.-[Photograph by Bassano.]

Specially Taken for "The Sketch": Cannes Pictures.



DRIVING OFF AT CANNES:



WATCHING MLLE. LENGLEN: LORD ROCKSAVAGE.

These golf and tennis pictures from Cannes show Miss Gertie Millar in action at the Cannes International Lawn-Tennis Tournament on the Carlton Courts; and though they do not give a picture of Mlle. Suzanne



IN THE CANNES INTERNATIONAL LAWN-TENNIS TOURNAMENT: MISS GERTIE MILLAR.



WITH MRS. JOHN DREXEL: MRS. DREXEL PAUL (LEFT).

Lenglen, they illustrate the great interest invariably aroused by her play. Lord Rocksavage is deeply immersed in watching the French champion's shots, and so is the lady standing near him.

Specially taken for " The Sketch" by Alfieri.

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Specially Taken for "The Sketch": Snaps from Cannes.



Golf is a very popular game on the Riviera this year, as our snaps of well-known people on the links go to prove. Lady Rocksavage is the wife of Lord Rocksavage, the well-known polo-player and lawn-tennis expert, and the sister of Sir Philip Sassoon. She is very fond of outdoor sport, and is a keen lawn-tennis player as well as golfer.

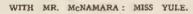
Princess Ghyka is a member of the well-known Roumanian family. Our page also shows a snap taken at the Cannes International Lawn-Tennis Tournament, for keen as the interest in golf may be, lawn tennis remains a favourite pursuit, both for those who play and those who merely look on.—[Specially taken for "The Sketch" by Alfieri.]

Specially Taken for "The Sketch": Snaps at Cannes.





WITH MRS. MARSHALL: THE HON. LADY BINGHAM.





AT THE CANNES GOLF CLUB: ADMIRAL LORD WESTER WEMYSS AND LADY DE RAMSAY.



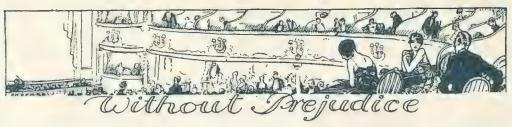
WITH MRS. JAMES MARTIN: MR. GARLAND, THE WELL-KNOWN RACING MAN.

Our golfing pictures taken at Cannes show a number of interesting personalities. The Hon. Lady Bingham is a sister-in-law of the Earl of Lucan; Lord Wester Wemyss, G.C.B., C.M.C., etc., is, of course,

one of our most famous sailors. Lady de Ramsay is the wife of the second Baron and the daughter of the seventh Duke of Marlborough.

Mr. Garland is the well-known racing man and race-horse owner.







O they call it a Musical Play at the Lyric nowadays, do they?

Well, well. They can call it Light Opera or Revue without Tears, if they like. But, whatever they call it, the old men sitting in rows in the stalls will waggle their aged hands and mumble "Musical Comedy" with their toothless gums. Because it takes the dear old fellows back to the days when we imported our operettas via Ostend, and there was a Miss Lily Elsie and a Mr. Robert Michaelis without peers in the female and male classes respectively.

One had initial qualms about "A Little Dutch Girl." Because it might have been dreadful beyond words. With property cheeses, and a funny man called "Bols," and songs about "Mine Leetle Haarlemer Maid," and all that sort of thing. Not so, however. Not in the least. Scene: Anthonyhovia or whatever they call those countries whose uniforms are by Morris Angel. Time: About halfway through any first-rate Lehar operetta of the year 1910. Miss Maggie Teyte discovered singing in her own Throne-Room. To her enter everybody else. Result: the best musical comedy of this or any other year for a very long time.

One gathers (unless Miss Maggie Teyte has borrowed from her namesake Mr. Harry Ditto his miraculous powers of automobile transport) that Anthonyhovia was not quite so near to the Balkans as is usual in musical-comedy politics. Because one could, it seems, skip over to the Dutch coast before tea. And back before midnight. So it must (low be it spoke!) have been somewhere beteeen Bremen and Osnabrück. And even then the talented librettists have considerably over-rated the efficiency of the local train service, even in the case of royal personages.

The situation of local politics was tangled, but, to careful students of these matters, not unfamiliar nor without historical precedent. Prince Paul of Saragon (why not Sandalusia?), was the last of a long dynasty of Bertram Wallises—all strikingly handsome men with fine



LUGEING AT MÜRREN: MISS MARGARET COATES, MISS DORIS HARCOURT, VISCOUNTESS FALMOUTH, AND MISS OLIVIA HARCOURT (LEFT TO RIGHT).

Our photograph is a delightful illustration of the delights of Swiss winter-sporting. It shows Viscountess Falmouth with three young girls ready to start off on a morning's lugeing.—[Photograph by C.N.]

singing voices, a ravishing selection of faintly Viennese uniforms, and a distinguished habit of coming upon us from the back of the stage sideways, one jack-boot at a time, down flights of steps. But H.I. and R.H. Mr. Martin Iredale so far departed from tradition as to make his first appearance in a transparency at the back of the stage, singing a nautical song several hundred miles away on the heroine's wedding

day. Heartless, very heartless. But see how a justly enraged librettist made him pay for it.

The scene changed (whilst the cast was changing) to the next country, where one dresses like a sketch-book by the late Tom Browne (why is that particular black-and-white artist the only one who is invariably accorded the melancholy dignity of the deceased?), and by



ENJOYING A SLEIGH DRIVE: THE MARCHIONESS OF DONEGALL AND SIR GEORGE LEWIS.

Lady Donegall is the widow of the fifth Marquess, and mother of the present holder of the title. She is staying at St. Moritz, for the winter sports, and our photograph shows her enjoying a sleigh drive with Sir George Lewis, the well-known solicitor.

Photograph by C.N.

the miraculous power of musical comedy all the company was transported there with the scenery. The venue became Dutch, and our view of the Lijrikgracht was obstructed by the baggy trousers of the young ladies of the village. Prince Paul was discovered being extraordinarily maritime in the best Central European style—namely, with a great deal of Yacht-Klub because it is so chic, and very little yacht, because one is apt to be so . . . never mind. Anyhow, the Court party turned up from Anthonyhovia, followed by—oh, I never told you about him. This piece is really about Mr. Jack Hulbert. Or anyway, he is the making of this piece. The vaguely amateurish facetiousness with which he first burst upon the Metropolitan stage has given way to a real style. He is now . . . have another paragraph, won't you?

He used to be just an undergraduate. Which was a delightful change from the red-nosed old sinners who worked for our entertainment. But he is now a fully grown comedian with an exuberant personality and a delightfully easy gift for extravaganza. His parody of the old, passionate waltz-songs, with Miss Cicely Debenham to maltreat, is a perfect comment on the earlier triumphs of Mr. Michaelis and Mr. Evett. And he acts and works and dances. His comedy and Miss Maggie Teyte's singing—which it is an impertinence to praise—are the performance. Her song in the second act is a real pleasure, and in a duet which follows it almost immediately she shows how well she can switch off the grave, switch on the gay, as the late Lord Tennyson said.

Supported, as they say, by an Excellent Company. Miss Debenham is an industrious comedienne. And Mr. Lauri de Frece works hard. Whilst Miss Molly Ramsden and Miss Cyllene Moxon provide a majestic background in front of which the action takes place, and the petty mortals of the cast grope about whilst they stand, like Mounts Everest and Kilimanjaro respectively, looking delightful to the clouds which wreathe their heads.

Specially Taken for "The Sketch": St. Moritz Snaps.



SKATING AT ST. MORITZ: A GROUP INCLUDING COLONEL AND MRS. C. E. WALKER; MRS. AND MISS RICHARDSON; MRS. HERBERT ALEXANDER; MISS CAMILLA ALEXANDER; SIR DUNCAN HAY; MISS HAZEL GOLDMAN; HON. DORIS PEEL; AND MISS VICTORIA LODER.



THE DAUGHTER OF A FAMOUS SOLICITOR: MISS LEWIS.



WALTZING ON THE ICE: SIR DUNCAN HAY
AND MISS HELEN EATON.



FIGURE-SKATING: MISS VICTORIA LODER.

Some good skating has been seen recently at St. Moritz. Our photographs show some enthusiasts both in action and lined up to face the camera.—[Specially taken for "The Sketch" by S. and G.]

Snow Pictures: On Skis, Skates, and Luge.



LADY LILIAN GRENFELL'S DAUGHTER: MISS IRIS GRENFELL.



ENJOYING A RUN: MISS PHYLLIS BARROW AND MISS DESIRÉE BENNETT.



COMING DOWN THE MURREN RUN : MISS OLIVIA HARCOURT.



THE FIRST LADY CHAMPION SKI-RUNNER OF GREAT BRITAIN: MISS OLGA MAJOR AT WENGEN.



SKATING AT MÜRREN WITH MR. T. J. BROOK-SHANK: MISS MAUD KING.



A GREAT WAR-WORKER: DAME KATHARINE FURSE, G.B.E., DIRECTOR OF THE W.R.N.S.



A WELL - KNOWN SKI - RUNNER WITH HIS WIFE : MR. AND MRS. J. L. MERCER.

Our pictures of Society at Mürren and Wengen give some snaps of very interesting personalities. Miss Olga Major is the first lady Champion Ski-Runner of Great Britain, having won this title in the first British Ski-ing Championship, held recently at Wengen. It was organised by the Federated Council of British Ski Clubs, and is to be an annual event. Dame Katharine Furse, G.B.E., who has been



MR. SEYMOUR HICKS' DAUGHTER LUGEING: MISS BETTY HICKS WITH MISS GYTHER BURGESS.

at Mürren, is an enthusiast on the subject of winter sports. She is, of course, one of the foremost women war-workers, and was Director of the W.R.N.S. Mr. T. L. Mercer is a well-known ski-runner, and a previous holder of the "Roberts of Kandahar" Cup.—Miss Betty Hicks is the daughter of Mr. Seymour Hicks and his wife, Miss Ellaline Terriss .- [Photographs by C.N.]

Specially Taken for "The Sketch": St. Moritz Snaps.



SKI-ING WITH MR. K. E. TAYLOR, THE OXFORD ICE HOCKEY CAPTAIN: MRS. STEWARD LEALOR.



ON THE SUVRETTA RINK: MAJOR HUTCHISON, MISS EATON, AND THE MARQUESS OF DONEGALL (RIGHT).

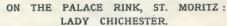
Ski-ing and skating are, perhaps, the two most popular forms of winter sport, and very jolly they both are, as our photographs prove. Miss Eaton, is the well-known golfer.

Major Hutchison, who is seen on the rink with Lord Donegall and

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BOBBING AND TAILING, SLEIGHING AND









WATCHING THE BOBBING FROM A SLEIGH: 4 ADY COUNTESS POULETT, AND MR. MI

Three of our photographs were taken at St. Moritz, where many well-known people are enjoying the delights of "tailing" and bobbing. H.R.H. Prince Nicholas of Roumania, the second son of the King and Queen of Roumania, and the young Marquess of Donegall, who is in his nineteenth year, are shown in our group of tailing enthusiasts. Prince Nicholas is in the centre, wearing a fur cap, with Miss E. Lewis on

SKATING: SOCIETY IN SWITZERLAND.



MARQUESS OF DONEGALL WITH MISS LEWIS;
DUMANIA WITH MISS E. LEWIS.



LADY CHICHESTER, MISS NASH (STANDING), MR. MENDL AT ST. MORITZ.



DRAWING THEIR LUGES UP THE RUN AT MÜRREN: MISS MARGARET COATES (LEFT) AND MISS DORIS HARCOURT.

his right hand; and Lord Donegall is on the extreme left of the photograph with Miss Lewis. Lady Chichester, the wife of Sir Edward George Chichester, Bt., and Countess Poulett, the widow of the seventh Earl and mother of the present holder of the title, are also at St. Moritz; and our Mürren photograph shows Miss Margaret Coates and Miss Doris Harcourt drawing their luges up the run there.—[Photographs by S. and G. and C.N.]

LINKS THE ON

By HENRY LEACH.

An anxious one wishes to ask "which is the The Way to best links in the South of France," the Course. apparently in the happy position of planning an early expedition to the Riviera, where the people are wearing their summer clothes. Those who know their Monte Carlo, their Nice.



A "SNAP" ON THE CANNES COURSE : SIR CHARLES MANDLEBERG.

Charles Mandleberg, author of the Scheme for increasing British export trade, has been golfing at Cannes. Our photograph shows him playing a shot .- [Photograph by Navello.]

their Cannes and Hyères, and have golfed at some or all of them, may envy him. Some have said hard things upon the new ways of the post-war class of golfers at these places, and how they jar at times upon the traditionists; but that does not change the fact that it is a supreme pleasure to leave London on a muggy January morning, and to play an afternoon round in flannels on the following day. And it is pleasanter if, to reach the course at such a time, we should stroll through a space of smiling country, cross a field or two of narcissus, another of violets, and so on to a club-house with roses trailing. That was the way, in the days before the war, at Costebelle by Hyères; but now the course has been moved and that walk has been abolished. Anyhow, most people, being unthoughtful and lazy, used to miss it, and journeyed from hotel to course by vehicle. Many of the pleasures of the game and things belonging to it are uncaught through this want of thought. At Cannes and Nice and Monte Carlo one does not walk to golf, because there are journeys of some dimension to be made; and there are also places where the way is not such as to

promote æsthetic fancies in the mind, Biarritz being a case in point. Yet why do so few who golf at Pau ever wander to that stream-cut course through the woods of the Parc du Château, which for pedestrians is the shortest cut? They go dull miles around by motor instead, and miss such a pretty stroll; but, of course,

it is rather a thing for one who likes his touch of solitude, and reflections attending it.

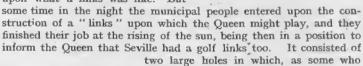
It may appear that What is a the answer to the " Links "? question propounded in the first sentence will be difficult and delicate to prepare; but not so. Interrogated, then, as to "which is the best links in the South of France," the answer is that there is none at all, and so the substance of the question does not arise. Hastening to add, lest it should appear that injustice is done to the Riviera, that there are very few in England, a catch, a trick of words, is suspected; but that is not so either. We come to a point in philology, and feel 'it is a matter upon which a protest should frequently be made. In this new post-war golf world all traditional usages in words and most in customs are being ignored, and so we find that not the people only, but the scribes likewise, refer to each and every place where golf is played as "links." If you had done that only twenty years ago in the presence of the highly respectable golfers who were as pioneers of the boom period, you would always have been corrected. A "links" (it is another point

that the noun is singular, and there are not eighteen links to a fullsized course, as some might think), they would have told you impressively, was wild waste sandy land by the side of the sea, whins and gorse and rabbit-holes upon it-the kind of thing we know as the best golfing country, rare as it is; and that places for golf inland, or even

others by the sea which had inland characteristics, were not "links," but just "courses." It was a distinction sharply drawn, and by it we perceive indeed that there are few links even in Britain, and none we know of on the Mediterranean shores. Should not the old distinction be preserved? Or should it be held that custom has sanctioned the use of "links" in application to any place where golf is played?

Better, we " Links " think, keep to in Seville. the old idea, for there is something revered about

that old-world links; and it made a twitch once when in Seville to be told a story of the making there of the only "links" that the Andalusian city had ever known, and on which the game was never really played. It was some years ago; the Queen of Spain was visiting Seville, and someone told the authorities the night before her coming that of late she had been playing the game of golf, or trying so to do. The worthy Alcalde or some other authority, knowing that Seville had no place for such diversion, sought for those who could give him information upon what a links was like. But

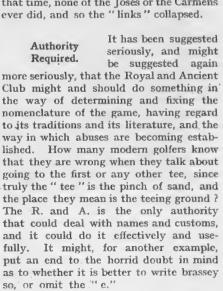


saw them said, you might have buried a mule, and a couple of sticks in the ground some distance away to indicate where a ball might be started, the whole comprised within the space of a small field. As it happened, the Queen did not feel like golf that time, none of the Josés or the Carmens ever did, and so the "links" collapsed.



GOLFING AT CANNES: COUNTESS TORBY AND SIR STUART COATS.

Countess Torby, wife of the Grand Duke Michael, is very fond of golf. Our photograph shows her with Sir Stuart Coats, M.P., on the course at Cannes. Photograph by Navello.





DRIVING OFF: SIR LAM-WORTHINGTON INGTON EVANS, P.C., M.P. Sir Lamington Worthington Evans, P.C., M.P., first Baronet,

is one of the golfers who have been playing at Cannes. Our

photograph shows him driving

off .- [Photograph by Navello.]

The Girl in a Domestic Drama.



PLAYING IN "JUMBLE SALE," AT THE VAUDEVILLE: MISS JOYCE BARBOUR.

Miss Joyce Barbour is one of the leading members of the cast of "Jumble Sale," the new revue at the Vaudeville. One of her rôles is that of the Girl in the 5th Bundle, "When the Shadows Flicker,"

a Domestic Drama acted by figures seen silhouetted against a white sheet, while Miss Phyllis Titmuss sings the song-story. It is a novel and effective number.—[Photograph by Foulsham and Banfield.]



WE have now reached the season of the year when the nonentities, as well as the celebrities, like the swallows, fly South.

Because the time is now ripe for a Little Bird to inform one of our sprightly social chroniclers that the Waugh-Proffingtons have arrived at the Hôtel de l'Univers et du Maréchal Foch, Cimiez. And eager students of the pictorial press may observe (by proxy and after a slight preliminary arrangement between her Ladyship and the photographer) Lady Mornington Walker going for her mornington walk with her friend, —. Friend, Esq., on the Promenade des Anglais. Not to mention Miss Unwedd Shell-Jones, tenth and positively last daughter of Sir Gwyllim S.-J. of The Plâs, Cwmtillery and the Tin Works, ditto, in her new fancy dress, specially made by her and her sister Trinitrotoluol Shell-Jones, for the Costume Gala at the Pension des Accapareurs, Hyères. A jolly time they all have, waiting for the photographer, don't they?

And what a tragedy it really is that profits and publicity have, between them, defaced one of the best strips of mountainous sea-coast ever designed by Providence for European villeggiatura. It is enough to make a reporter weep to look out of the right-hand window of a train anywhere between Villefranche and Ventimiglia and to reflect on the ghastly disparity which subsists between the blueness of sea and sky and the badness (not moral, poor dears, but in all the other ways that really matter) of all the dreadful people who, at that very moment, are hobbling, prancing, and gliding up and down the various esplanades, dancing floors, tea-places, and eating-houses of the neighbourhood.

The downfall of the Riviera really began years ago, when the hatters all the way from Marble Arch to Cricklewood took to ticketing their January creations "for the South." Up till then it was believed to be a tolerably enjoyable and mildly adventurous thing to push



THE MOST POPULAR "SUBJECT" AT THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT SOCIETY: THE HON. LOIS STURT, BY GERALD F. KELLY.

The Hon. Lois Sturt, younger daughter of Lady Alington, is the most popular subject at the Grafton Galleries' Exhibition of the National Portrait Society, as five portraits of her—or seven, if one may count the four Drian studies separately—are shown. This is how Gerald F. Kelly sees this fascinating Society girl, who is herself an artist exhibiting at the Show.—[From the Painting by Gerald F. Kelly.]

on past Marseilles into the sunshine. It was positively Abroad. One could speak French there—and be understood by the natives. But now . . . We want a historian, really, who will investigate and expound the Decline and Fall of Pleasure Resorts.

Before the war the Riviera was (in reality—as distinguished from the more attractive figure which it cut in romance) the favoured resort of gentlemen who put money on horses and the faithful subjects of his Imperial and Royal Majesty, the King-Emperor William II. But not now. Not, at any rate, the latter. One need no longer fear to encounter in quite such strength those bright efforts of



BY THE MOST POPULAR "SUBJECT" FOR MODERN ARTISTS: "PORTRAIT OF A GIRL," BY THE HON. LOIS STURT, ON VIEW AT THE GRAFTON GALLERIES. The Hon. Lois Sturt is not only the most pictured girl in Society at the moment, but is an artist of considerable merit. She is showing this picture, "Portrait of a Cirl," at the National Portrait Society's Exhibition, a show which contains portraits of the artist—the Hon. Lois Sturt—by three prominent artists—Gerald F. Kelly, Ambrose McEvoy, and Drian.

From the Painting by the Hon. Lois Sturt.

millinery which used to indicate Wiener chic, or that dashing quality in gents' hattings which was the unfailing evidence of Habig and the invariable harbinger of a loud voice obstructed by a bad cigar.

Yet, although the congestion has been a trifle relieved by the effacement of the ex-enemies, the company is very nearly as mixed as it used to be. Because so many poor, lost souls who never succeeded in getting there before the war (because they were still keeping a small bicycle shop in Wigan) have accumulated, thanks to the cost investigations of the Ministry of Munitions, a pittance, and are, thanks to E.P.D., Spending It Now.

So, if you are lured to the Mediterranean by the prospect of really encountering Lord Talkington talking to friend outside the Casino, and Miss Popsy Lollipop in conversation with Mr. Benjy Habakkuk and his trainer, you will probably have to put up with all the winners of money prizes in the great war lottery, interspersed with a few quite ordinary people like you and me, whose arrival in a foreign town is not preceded by preliminary announcements or overlooked by hungry cameras, but who just drive up to the Pension in a three-wheeled cab, get the luggage off with a secret hope that She won't see where Her hat-box is stove in by the kind offices of the P.L.M., and register as Mr., Mrs., and Miss Meekley of London.

Because we are nearly all like that, really, if you look at us closely. We may serve as supers in the Brilliant Scenes so often and so lovingly described. But we are all (and especially on the Riviera) an ordinary crew with an anxious eye to see if we are dressed quite well enough, and a gnawing doubt as to whether we have brought out enough money for the day.

Seven Portraits in a Single Exhibition!



SHOWN AT THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION:
STUDIES OF THE HON. LOIS STURT BY DRIAN.



THE HON. LOIS STURT IN FANCY DRESS: STUDIES BY DRIAN AT THE GRAFTON GALLERIES.



A WATER-COLOUR BY AMBROSE MCEVOY: ANOTHER PORTRAIT OF THE HON. LOIS STURT.

The Hon. Lois Sturt, younger daughter of Lady Alington, may claim to be the most popular "subject" of the moment for modern portrait-painters. Time was when no exhibition was complete without a portrait of Lady Diana Cooper; but this year's Show of the National Portrait Society at the Grafton Galleries does not



A BRILLIANT PORTRAIT IN OILS: THE HON. LOIS STURT, BY AMBROSE MCEVOY.

contain one portrait of her; while there are two oils of the Hon. Lois Sturt—one by McEvoy and one by Gerald F. Kelly (which is shown on the opposite page); a water-colour by McEvoy; and two exhibits by Drian, each showing two studies of this fascinating Society girl, who is herself an artist of considerable ability.



FROM THE READER'S POINT OF VIEW.

W. DOUGLAS NEWTON.

F you read from the end backwards—as I always do with a book of short stories-you will rapidly grow certain that in "Bliss" you have had the magnificent good luck to hit upon something that makes a winter's reading memorable. And you will admit, too, that Miss Katherine Mansfield (who wrote it), with her gift for compact,

dramatic story-telling, her swiftness, the wickedness of her daring, her quick, quaint, startling twist of wit, and her piercing sense of character, is not merely a great find, but also a writer brilliant to

genius in her own way.

It is quite an astonishing collection of stories-read backwards; for the early stories, though they are long and measured, though they contain adorable child studies (Kezia and Lottie and Pip and Rags, and even the smelly dog Snooker of "Prelude," are tiny masterpieces in sure and fairy-like drawing)-though these long stories have a ruthless truth and a strange mystical quality into the bargain, it was the shorter pieces that bowled me over

completely.

"The Escape" is a pitiless and beautiful study of a neurotic woman and a husband with such "an exquisite belief in human nature that he thinks French cab-drivers will hurry to catch a train. "Revelations" is another study of a nervy woman, "Monica, of that slow Arabian smile," and its atmosphere develops to a climax that pierces one like a sword-thrust. There is a climax that hits one just as hard in "Feuille d'Album," the story of a shy, interesting boy artist, who never responded to the ladies who wanted to mother himand more - but who lived a solitary-life of almost unspeakable meticulousness, only relieved by his desire to get to know the dark, thin girl on the balcony below. How he did comes upon one with such a shock of surprise and laughter that one wants to shout. "Mr. Reginald Peacock's Day," too, has an ending startling and cruel; but it is a just, witty, and pitiless culmination of the egoism of a strutting little popinjay of a singer who would "only be too charmed." in the presence of many adulatory ladies.

But, though she is sharply witty and realistically acid in her

STAGE FAVOURITES AT MONTE CARLO: MISS GERTIE MILLAR. (RIGHT) AND MISS EILEEN MOLYNEUX.

Photograph by Navello.

character studies, Miss Mansfield can touch one with a superb poignance and ten-derness too. "The Little Governess," who travelled alone to Munich, offending the right people, and making friends with the wrong old roué; "Pictures," the plain story of a fat "movie" actress who couldn't get a "shop"—are vignettes of such power that the pity of them is devastating.

Just as he was attaining his supreme bouquet, as it were, Mr. A. A. Milne seems to have given up essay - writing (unless, of course, -he had become a secrèt essayist). Those who read "If I May" will re-Mr. Milne gret it. was never so jolly; he is more neat and serene, and his effect one is more upon With a explosive.

humour which is delicate yet detonative, he writes of all manner of things, from his own peculiar method in studying bees-" All that I knew about bees until yesterday was derived from that great naturalist Dr. Isaac Watts"—to a discussion of that immense national problem: What becomes of Lord Mayors-" Where do they live, the ex-Lord Mayors? They must have a colony of their own somewhere."

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Between, he dwells on gardens-his own "pleasaunce being about two hollyhocks by one "-and their planning: "Since there is no room in the garden for a watch-dog and a garden," it

might be a good idea to paint a phosphorescent and terrifying watch-dog on the wall . . . or "perhaps a watch-lion would be even more terrifying." He also has something to say about dinners and dinner conversations in a manner that would be almost Russian in its realism, if it wasn't Milne at his most hilarious-perhaps, really, the difference isn't so very great. Then there is the cigar expert who "listens to his cigar before putting it into his mouth." Mr. Milne wishes "I were as great a man as he. Privately sometimes I have listened to a cigar, but it has told me nothing.'

With grace, with unfaltering laughter, and often with the sharp acid of good sense under his smiles, he considers weddings, and village celebrations, and melodramas, and Christmas games, and fixtures and fittings, and how, after all, the war didn't make the "world safe for those of us who prefer soft hats with a dent in the middle." . . . It will be a shame if the interfering "Mr. Pim" and others of his kind turn him away from essays.

"A Last Diary" contains the final writings of that vivid and dynamic soul whom "life pursued like a fury," W. N. P. Barbellion. There is, as in his other two books, the same sense of passionate zest in the strangeness and beauty of everything in life as seen by "a spirit of burning ex-ultation." Barbellion on his tedious

Vessel," has aroused much interest. It is a record of what terest. she believes to be messages sent through "book-tests" from her dead son, "Bim"
Tennant, who was killed in action in 1916. Lady Glenconner, who is the widow of the first Baron Glenconner, was, before her marriage, Miss Pamela Wyndham. possessed of considerable literary talent, and has always been interested in Spiritualism. Photograph by Mendoza Galleries.

death-bed can snatch at the myriad shining threads that make up the stuff of existence. He can recall the beauty of long-tailed tits and beeches, dissect Emily Brontë with a blaze of acuteness and write her down "almost as Mrs. Nietzsche." He can analyse his own sick emotions or shout, "I could swallow landscapes and swill down sunsets." He can record the delicious malapropisms of his nurse, or look at the world and cry, "What a sad, intractable world! Will human love and goodness ever overcome it?"

It is again the record of a courageous and an ardent spirit, who sees and exposes all with an amazing individuality. And, if there is just a touch of conscious artistry in this book which tempers its fire, there is also a quite brilliant study of Barbellion by his brother (Mr. Arthur J. Cumming), which gives an exterior picture of the man, and tells much that one wanted to know about his life—particularly his early life—and those points in the "Journal of a Disappointed Man" which some felt needed a fuller explanation.



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Bliss, By Katherine Mansfield. (Constable; 9s.) If I May. By A. A. Milne. (Methuen; 6s.) A Last Diary. By W. N. P. Barbellion. (Chatto and Windus; 6s.)

The Wife of the Governor of the Rock.



A DAME OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE: LADY SMITH-DORRIEN.

Lady Smith-Dorrien, D.B.E., is the wife of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., Governor of Gibraltar since 1918, and is the only daughter of Colonel Schneider, of Oak Lee, Furness Abbey. Her husband is a very distinguished soldier, and has seen active service in the Zulu War, the Egyptian and Soudanese Cam-

paigns, on the North-West Frontier of India, and in the Great War. He commanded the 2nd Army Corps, and then the 2nd Army with the B.E.F. in 1914-15, and subsequently the East African forces. General Sir Horace and Lady Smith-Dorrien were married in 1902, and have three sons.—[Photograph by Val. l'Estrange.]



SELF - HELP.

By W. DOUGLAS NEWTON. (Author of "Phillip in Particular," "Green Ladies," "Westward with the Prince of Wales," &c.)

EPIN ran nimbly down the steps of the pretentious "gentleman's country seat" in an outlying suburb. He ran down the wriggly drive. Under the friendly shade of some striving laurels he stopped. From the door which had just proved so inhospitable, a man, painfully lacking in originality, uttered on the note of C just those words that every burgled householder utters in every burglarious serial.

Pepin, smiled sadly, threw his Sandringham hat into the shrubbery, drew from a pocket a soft cap and adopted that. He marred his face with a moustache, false but walrussy. In stripping off his overcoat he held the sleeves, so that it was turned inside out, and in that aspect he donned it again. At the eleventh "Help! Police! Burglars!" he was running up the drive again.
"'Wot's all this?" he shouted.

"Help! Police! Call the police!"

"You've done it," shouted Pepin. "I'm the police. What's your affliction ? ".

Burglars," gasped the householder.

"Hah," said Pepin, running up the steps, and at the same time producing one pair of handcuffs and one Service revolver. Burglars, hey, lead on. We 'll 'ave 'em in two twos."

"They 've gone. Run away. . . . But where 's your uniform?"
Anging in me cupboard till I get degraded ter the ranks again!" snapped Pepin. "But I'm policeman underneath me all-wool undies all right. Detective Inspector Stuckey, special duty 'cos of all these local robberies. I can give you a card, but if you want me birth certificate an' me vaccination entry you 'll 'ave to wait until Inspector Wuart, of the Hengisted Police Station, c'n be communicated with. Meanwhile we might go into this matter of burglin'."

"Meanwhile," said the householder, with what dignity he could bring to bear on a trouser-plus-night-shirt state, "meanwhile that burglar is running away, making good his escape."

'He is," agreed Pepin. "He is dodging somewheres among the two hundred roads and three hundred and fifteen lanes that make the urban Parish of Hengisted. Which one d'ye suggest I'd dodge down . . .? "

"We can at least sound the alarm."

"I'll sound the loud alarm all right," said Pepin. "Meanwhile we'll 'ave a little introduktry an' explanatory music. Description o' man wanted is always helpful to them wot looks for him."

"What about the policeman on this beat?" said the householder

huffily.

"P. C. Fugge is now eight 'undred an' twenty-seven yards away at the other end of his beat. I know it as a fac', believe me. The police 'ave to spread themselves some. But we c'n do better than wait. . . . You 've gotter telephone." He was led to the telephone in the study. "Now, if you please, description o' said man, conformation o' face, if any, distinctive colour o' apparel and any outstanding attribute."

The outraged householder, prefacing his description with the remark that he had only caught the barest glimpse of the miscreant, proceeded to give a resolutely detailed and entirely misleading wordpicture of the hulking brute who had broken into the house and been disturbed at his fell task. Pepin shuddered that his Beau Brummell exterior should have had such an effect on the mind of brother man,

The burglar was twice as thick as the Detective-Inspector, and about a head taller. He had shoulders like Tarzan He wore a billycock hat and a long coat.

Colour-like mine, f' instance?"

"No," said both men in a breath. "Not so long as yours, and

dark, not light like yours."

They listened with appreciation at the efficiency of the Police Force as Pepin, in long converse with none other than Inspector Wuart, sent the fiery cross over the telephone. Hengisted, they felt, was roused to meet the crisis. In every street, in every lane, policemen would jump to the alert to ferret out and grapple with the ruffian.

"Well, that's that, as they say," said Pepin, replacing the telephone carefully-he had been careful all the time; had kept the receiver down so that his imaginary conversation should in no way disturb any night operator at his well-earned sleep. "We've roused the dogs of justice. Should 'ave someone round 'ere in at least fifteen minutes. Meanwhile we'd better set down the 'ole story. The miscreant, you say, was in here. Nipped out o' that other door inter the 'all an' away, at the sight o' you. Wot was he engaged in or upon, or otherwise doin'?"

"He was at the safe."

"Hah," said Pepin, making entries in a police manner. was closing the safe."

"No," protested the householder. "He was at the safe, preparing to open it."

"'Ow do you know that? 'Ow do you know he was only openin'

an' not shuttin' it?"
"But—well——" protested the householder. The Butler stirred as butlers will, and shivered.

"You'll get a 'orrible cold in yer bridal nighty, old chap," said

Pepin, with sympathy.

"Herbert, go and dress," snapped the householder. "The police will be here in a few minutes, and you had better be fully garbed to deal with them. When the man had left the room, Pepin went on inexorably.

"You say you looked in the safe and found that it 'adn't bin opened, Sir?"

"I said nothing of the sort," snapped the other. "I said the fellow had not opened the safe. I haven't opened the safe. . . ."

"Lummy," said Pepin, in despair. "Then you don't really know anythin' about it at all. You don't know whether he has robbed you of all your family jewels."

"Money," snapped the irritated householder. "I keep merely my money in there—a large amount. But, of course, I do know he did not open that safe. It is a good pattern, burglar-proof safe. It would have taken him hours to open it. He couldn't have been in the house minutes. Then, there's no sign of a tool-mark on the surface. No attempt was made to force that safe. . . ."

"'Ow did the feller get into the house?" demanded Pepin, who,

naturally, was fully informed.

"Get in. . . Oh, through the front door—it was open. He must have used a key."

"Ah, a key . . ." said Pepin, in his most goading manner.

"And you think he used a key . . ." blurted the other in anger. "Here, I'll show you." From his trouser pocket he produced keys. He lunged at the safe. He swung it open. "You see," he jeered. "You see," he jeered. "Nothing at all disturbed, my good man."

"Why should there be?"

"Hey? But you said you inferred that he had opened the safe." But I didn't say he was untidy. He was after your

money; he didn't want to play 'He-loves-me-he-loves-me-not' with your papers."

" Money . . pah!" snapped the indignant one. He felt about, found the handle of a hidden drawer. The fat hand that went into this came out with a fatter wad of notes. "Does this convince

you, my man?"

"It does look like substantial proof. . . . All there?"

"Three thousand five hundred and twenty-five pounds-all there."

"Thanks," said Pepin, and his left hand took the notes.

"Hey!" gasped the irate one.

"You've saved me no end of trouble," said Pepin. "If such things touch responsive chords, you may remember with a solemn glow of pleasure that this night's work of yours has enabled a hardworking but dishonest fellow to take four hours extra of muchneeded sleep."

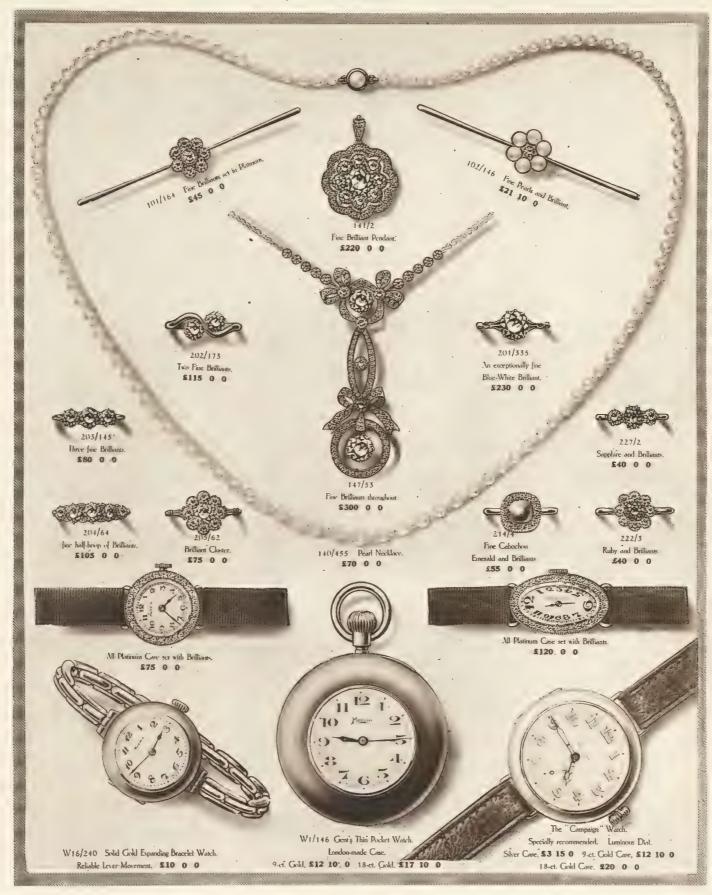
"You scoundrel . . . you . . ." bleated the householder, and he said it soft and low. The muzzle of a Service revolver against one's tummy induces the piano feeling. Pepin turned him round, threaded his arms through a quite attractive and heavy fender, and handcuffed the wrists beyond. Then, carefully selecting Smiles' "Self Help" from the shelves, he thrust the volume into the householder's jaws, and with string successfully gagged him.

He switched off the electric light, locked the door from the outside, and threw the key away. Going out of the hall door he closed it gently. . . . He hated hurrying butlers with disturbing noises. When he reached the road he saw a policeman approaching. He

ran up to him in the manner agitated—
"P. C. Fugge?" he cried. "Mr. Awcook in this house has just had a telephone call from Mr. Goord of Bewton Lane. There are

burglars there."

'Heck," cried the policeman. "Just come from there. Right the other end of me beat." He was an excellent officer. He went off at the run. Pepin went home smiling.



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NE evening I walked the London streets disconsolate, sighing for Paris. How dreary seemed the British capital! How many amusing things there are to be done in France; but, having left my friends, I discovered that to a man who does not know London life well there is no city in the world in which solitude hangs so heavy—as heavy as the Albert Memorial. I was just about to plunge under the wheels of an omnibus, when the famous painter

Nevinson hailed me. "What! London dead and dismal!" he cried. "That is because you are only acquainted with Paris. What does he know of London who merely sees that at ten o'clock the theatres are full and the restaurants and cafés empty?" So I went with him and discovered that Paris exists in London: as lively as Paris, if not more so. I would never have thought it. Why do you hide your merriment from the eye of the visitor?

The best story which I collected on this London trip was one which concerns a certain café where all the Bohemian spirits in London now foregather. Artists and writers and theatrical folk just make a noise, and are happy as only youth (of all ages) can be. They only drink tea and coffee here; so that their high spirits are not fictitious. The little place is crowded, bare of furniture, undecorated, hot, uncomfortable: it has nothing, absolutely nothing, to recommend it. But at present it is the chic, as we would say in Paris, to go there. Why? Well, a lady journalist, who is not unknown to fame, wanted a paragraph, and asked an artist friend (no, I will give away no names !) to supply it. He invented an astonishing legend about an unknown poor little café where he alleged all the celebrities of the art world met. And he went on to assert that on one night every painter of his acquaintance who would, he knew, like a free advertisement had been seen there. He gave their names. The information astonished them, but they went to see this extraordinary café which they were supposed to frequent. Thus the paragraph only anticipated the facts.

Perhaps the moral is that we are all artists nowadays. It is not only Mr. Winston Churchill, whose tableaux were exhibited incognito, who has a spare-time taste for the palette. So, indeed, have I. But if a better example is desired, there is Sacha Guitry, whose portraits at the Galerie Bernheim Jeune in Paris we have long awaited with curiosity. I think they are really talented works. There are only the essential lines and the frankest tones, but the portrait is a por-trait. You would not mistake his "Lucien Guitry" for a market-car, or for a jig-saw puzzle. It is something, in these days of Picasso, to get a likeness, and to find eyes and noses in their accustomed places. Sacha Guitry is inclined to be carica-

tural, but you cannot fail to recognise his "Anatole France," his "Tristan Bernard," his "Collette," and his "Yvonne Printemps."

Precisely what Marinetti would say to such orthodox paintings would probably not be fit to print in these chaste pages. Marinetti has been startling us with his ideas about dancing. Futurism is to

invade not only literature, sculpture, painting, and politics, but will not even leave the dance alone. Doubtless you have already learnt about the Futurist dance as expounded by him. He is in deadly earnest, but so far I have not found any dancing-hall in the Gay City given over to the Machine-Gun Dance, or to the Shrapnel Dance, or to the Aviation Dance, which are, says our lively Italian guest, to taboo harmony, to shun grace, and are to be, above all, dynamic.

Loie Fuller, Isadora Duncan, even Misting

Loie Fuller, Isadora Duncan, even Mistinguett, are superseded. We are to admire the "reproduction of the rotatory movements of the stars" (whatever that may mean), and not worry about tangoes and fox-trots. The Machine-Gun Dance is comparatively easy.

More complicated is the Shrapnel Dance, in which you clap your hands, assume an ecstatic attitude, and at the same time adopt the indifference of nature, and imitate the flight of birds. There is also to be a brisk manipulation of written signs: You are to show notices such as "Don't slip on the ice"; "This is red and ferocious"; "Fifteen degrees below zero," and other entertaining placards. Only a trained newsboy could really do the latter part of the performance well. But I liked best the explanation that Marinetti gave to us of the Aviation Dance, specially designed for ladies. The dancer is to sprawl on a big coloured map, wriggling about on mountains and jumping over forests, and agitating sky-blue veils. On the breast is to be a celluloid propeller whirring round. The face is to be white, as is the hat in the shape of a monoplane. by wild movements, the falling of a breaking aeroplane is to be indicated, with rain, wind, lightning - exactly how I confess I did not follow. But Marinetti is not mad. He is coming back to prepare some Futurist plays in Paris.

Maurice Maeterlinck is also here. He came to see "Le Bourgmestre de Stilemonde," which is now done for the first time in France, though well known in other countries. He tells us that "The Betrothal" is to be given in Paris, and not reserved for London. At the Alhambra Music-Hall I have just seen Sarah Bernhardt in her new play "Le Vitrail." She was sandwiched in with jugglers and conjurers and a man who came down a ladder on his head. The theme of the play-poem is simple: a war widow (of long ago) sits by her window awaiting the return of the warrior. The months go by, but she waits faithfully, not dreaming of going to thés-dansants. At last a figure in black, covered up from head to foot, appears. She hears her husband's voice. Alas! he declares, in fearful phrase after fearful phrase, all the physical ills that have befallen him. She will recoil in horror, he says, if he uncovers. But she (the Divine Sarah) assures him of un-alterable affection. Now, at the Grand

Guignol, we should have had for dénouement the unveiling of a hideous face; but in the poetic music-hall, of course, the curtain of the window is drawn aside and in a flood of light and love the perfectly handsome Seigneur declares himself satisfied with this test of the Chatelaine's fidelity! Need I add that Sarah Bernhardt was sublime?



A CALIFORNIAN ECONOMIST: MISS HELEN GREEN'S PROTEST AGAINST HIGH-PRICED BATHING SUITS!

Miss Helen Green, one of the "mermaids" from Neptune Beach, California, has started the fashion of wearing men's overalls, cut down for swimming, as a protest against the high price of the ordinary silk bathing-suit !—[Photograph by Keystone View Co.]



ABDULLA'S BEST

INCENSE AND ASHES.

BY R. H. AND L. B.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

SIR KENNETH SATINWOOD, sportsman and millionaire, attending a performance at the Felicity Music-Hall, is mysteriously spirited away from

THE LADY SYRINGA SATINWOOD, his bride of a week. Cast upon the world, she endeavours to earn a livelihood by selling bootlaces. At her last gasp she is greeted by



THE MANAGER OF THE "BLITZ"

THE MAN WITH THE TWISTED NOSE, a sinister figure who promises to reveal to Syringa her husband's whereabouts.

ZARA, THE ORIENTAL SNAKE-CHARMER, and her colleague,
BONGO, THE BOA-CONSTRICTOR, twin stars at the Felicity Music-Hall, are supping with Sir Kenneth at the Blitz Hotel. At the moment
when Zara hails Sir Kenneth as her long-lost husband, Syringa and
the Man with the Twisted Nose enter the apartment, and Syringa, in
dismay, faints backwards into the lift, while her companion is
recognised by Zara as Andreas Zogolibowskivitch.

"And it is thus we meet after seven long years, Zara Zogoli-bowskivitch? Ha, Ha, you blanche! Doubtless it is with joy at my reappearance!" These taunting words were followed by the sound of a striking match and the adorable fragrance of a No. 5 Turkish Abdulla Cigarette.

The heavy breathing of Zara was the sole response.

CHAPTER V.

MURDER MOST FOUL.

RE the lift had descended a floor, Syringa, recovering from her swoon, had lit an enchanting Abdulla Virginian Cigarette. Instantly her refreshed and stimulated brain evolved a plan of action. "Take me to the Manager!" she commanded the amazed lift-attendant.

Half-an-hour later few would have recognised in the fifteenth chambermaid of the Blitz Hotel the erstwhile Lady Syringa Satinwood.

Sir Kenneth assuredly did not, as, emerging from the suite-deluxe on the following morning, he moodily dropped a lordly pound note into the pink palm of the dainty figure in cap and apron, busily engaged in polishing the door-knob.

Sir Kenneth . . . moodily dropped a lordly pound note into the pink palm of the dainty figure.

Neither did the Man with the Twisted Nose, who, scarce five minutes later, was conducted by the *mattre d'hôtel* to Zara's apartments.

Before the footfall of the *mastre d'hôtel* had ceased to resound on the velvet pile which carpeted the gilded corridor, Syringa's shell-pink ear had enveloped the keyhole. And who shall blame her? Surely none who have known what it is to mislay a husband! . . .

"And so you thought to escape me, Zara Zogolibows ! "

Great Heavens! Who is the sinister third who breaks into this duet à deux with a sibilant hissing that ices Syringa's blood and causes her ear to shake as if with palsy?

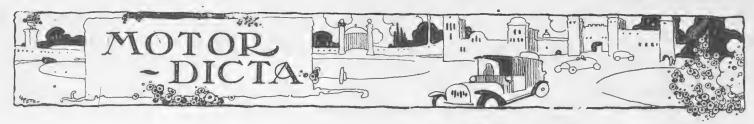
Andreas emits a pitiless curse that gradually changes to a shriek for mercy . . . and then silence, broken only by a slow, sickening scrunch.

Syringa's ear rattles against the keyhole, before, half-fainting, she falls heavily against the door, which bursts open, precipitating her into the suite-de-luxe.

And what sight is this that strikes her staggering brain? Her eyes are glued to a dreadful shape upon the floor, a shape from which all human semblance has been crushed,

and she scarce notes a stifled hissing proceeding from the chimney, or hears the poignant ring of an electric bell.

Barely had Syringa recognised the baleful figure of Zara, with her finger on the bell-push, when the hotel manager, a detective and three policemen blocked the doorway. At the same time Zara's clear-cut voice shattered the stillness. . . . "I charge that woman with murder! Constables, do your duty!"



SHOW FACTS AND FANCIES: GRAND PRIX GOSSIP.

extenuation, "you

don't week-end as

often as you used

to"; and there is a lot in it. On the

other hand, it is a

very "bear" situ-

ation; and I do

not fancy that the

exactly be chucking

it about and order-

ing Rolls-Roysterers

thirteen to the

dozen. No, I fear

that the Scottish

Exhibition has

struck a bad patch

financially; but that

is no reason why it

should not lead to

good business when

things begin to buck

up a bit all round.

It is not that the

bottom is out of the

motor market, but

out of every old

market in this mo-

ment of reaction

and red - flagging.

Cannies will

By GERALD BISS.

LASGOW becomes the temporary headquarters of automobilism at the end of this week and throughout next; and the Scots will have the game in their hands, so far as it is a game in these days. The present railway rates must be a "bull" point for the Scottish Show, as was brought home to me in the club last week, when I ran into a seldom Scot who used to be a regular frequenter before the war, and chid him upon his angelic visits. "When your return fare is £14," he pleaded in



OF A FAMOUS FIRM OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS: MR. NAPIER, OF NAPIER'S CARS.

Mr. Napler, of the famous cars of that name, has recently been at Cannes. Our photographer has snapped him in action on the golf course.

Photograph by Navello.

Meanwhile, a wild rumour, said by the French papers to have originated in the Times—though I cannot trace it—has been agitating Gallic automobilists to the effect that our S.M.M.T. had advanced the date of Olympia to Sept. 20, thereby anticipating the revival of the Paris Salon. Even solemn English motor trade papers have printed this canard as a fact; but I can assure you that it is not so. November, as usual, is the order of the day; and the giddy Gaul can say to his fluttering heart, "Lie still." Personally, I fear that the French auto industry is in a very nervous, if not actually hysterical, condition; but I fail to understand English papers, especially trade organs, printing such absurdities without ringing up Mr. "Woodbine" the sphinx-like Controller of Secrets, S.M.M.T.

Again, the entries for its own Grand Prix would Grand Entries seem to suggest frozen feet-only five French and Prospects: machines in all, and four from one firm, the Ballot, and the other a singleton Mathis! Italy is weighing out with the usual Fiat team, which never jibs whatever betide, from the blue hell of war to the red rag of Bolshevism-three of them; and the other seven (totalling a beggarly fifteen in all, and a very poor total for the first really important international race in Europe since the war) hail from the British "S.T.D." combine, as I anticipated some weeks ago. These consist of a couple of Sunbeams from Wolverhampton, a brace of Talbots proper from the North Kensington area of London, and Talbot - Darracq triplets from Suresnes — each team individual in design and built in its own factory, but all to be designed by Mr. Louis Coatalen, of Sunbeam fame, who has such a chance as was never before given to any auto-engineer in the history of motoring. It is hoped, now that things are settled and the race definitely fixed for July 23, that other wavering firms will roll up with entries, though at double fees, before the final closure upon Feb. 28; but the trouble, as everywhere else, is that there is not

such a lot of money knocking about; and whatever it may be to us at sixty-odd to the Bradbury-Fisher, and Lord only knows what to the Yankee, a franc is a franc to a Frenchman every time, as they are finding to their cost in these days.

Sarthe to the Rescue.

At the last minute all plans were suddenly changed as to the venue of the Grand Prix, owing to certain little financial aspects of the organisation.

It was all but understood as official, and had been printed in a good many more places than one, that the race would take place in the neighbourhood of Strasbourg, and photographs of the course had actually been published after a visit by the leading French autoscribes. Indeed, representatives of the "Commission Sportive" of the Automobile Club of France had spent weeks in the town where the goose-livers come from, in close confabulation with the city fathers Sentiment and everything else pointed to the newly recovered area; but again, while the spirit was willing, the finance was wanting, and not even at the eleventh hour, but about 11.59, negotiations broke down, and so poor Strasbourg will be left right out in the cold. Lyons was the second favourite—the course over which the very last Grand Prix was run in 1914, a month before the war. But here again finance broke down. And so, at the very last moment of all, the

Sarthe Automobile Club stepped in to the rescue, and Le Mans, where the capons come from, was chosen. The Sarthe Club has ever been a sporting and well-to-do body, and it was upon its circuit that the first Grand Prix was run in 1906; and this year the course is to be made everything that is just so, with a view to its pos-sibly becoming a permanent racing ground. The circuit is close on eleven miles round, and will have to be covered about thirty times, so that spectators will get plenty for their money; and, if possibly under present conditions not so romantic or so interesting as the Strasbourg area, the Sarthe course is more handy both for Paris and English visitors. It has been hard work in the teeth of one adverse influence after another, and the French club is to be congratulated upon having fairly pushed things through de-



FASHIONS FOR THIRTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO: THE ELECTRICALLY HEATED SUIT. Electrically heated suits of this pattern are now worn by naval and military airmen of the U.S.A. It is interesting to hear that these garments saved the lives of three U.S.A. Naval Balloonists who recently arrived at Moose Factory, Ontario, after having landed in the wilds, sixteen miles from the Hudson Bay Trading Post, and being four days with the temperature "round about thirty degrees below zero."

Photograph by T.P.A.

spite everything; and now that all is fixed, it certainly deserves better entries and more encouragement for its pains. So far as we are concerned over here, the "S.T.D." has taken care that we shall have a live interest; but why have the Yanks stood aloof so studiously?



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A FTER reading through a series of advertisements of pianos for sale, I am compelled to arrive at the incredible conclusion that there are really only four kinds of pianoforte. They are (strictly in order of merit) the bargain, the exceptional bargain, the chance of a lifetime, and the doubtful instrument which is cautiously described as suitable for a beginner.

In the words of the Cockney who had been devouring detective stories by the sheaf, "Hafter hall, there's no P'lice like Holmes."

There now exists a popular and quite reasonable prejudice in favour of matches that will strike anywhere—even on the box.

Do not be discouraged by success. The man who isn't happy in success is a real failure. Besides, even with success, you may yet lead a happy and useful life.

An old man who lived in a grotto
Said, "Waste nothing—that is my motto."
When he found that the mice
Had got into his rice,
He proceeded to make a risotto.

One of the thoroughly full-grown, post-war profiteers had bought himself a magnificent mansion abutting on a much-frequented thoroughfare. Daily there would pass his house thousands of New Poor—professional men and women, artists, writers, musicians, and



AFTER THE CEREMONY AT WINDSOR CHURCH, BELFAST: MR. JOHN WILFRED HAUGHTON AND HIS BRIDE, MISS MAY HENDERSON.

The marriage of Mr. John Wilfred Haughton, eldest son of Mr. T. W. Haughton, J.P., and brother of Mr. Sam Haughton, Administrator of the Irish Linen Society, to Miss May Agnes Florence Elizabeth Henderson, daughter of the late Sir James Henderson, D.L., and of Lady Henderson, took place recently at Windsor Church, Belfast. The bride, who wore a dress of ivory satin with a train of silver brocade, was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Gwendy Patrick.

even penurious lawyers. And daily he would gaze at them behind his from morning paper, which was there merely for show, as he could not read. Flaunting himself thus, he would muse on the misfortune of war, and chuckle inwardly to think that but for the grace of war he too might be tramping along that very road to serve some master luckier than himself. Then, one fine spring morning, he vouchsafed to give the passing crowds a closer look at a real, live millionaire, so he strolled up and down on the verandah outside the dining-room window. The poor passers-by gazed enviously up at him, and so walked covetously on. Suddenly a new, vaunting idea flashed through his turgid mind. "'Arris!" he shouted, slapping his palms together with a sound as of a butcher patting a ham. "'Arris! Bring me a cigar—quick, too!" In a few seconds a beauti-fully "appointed" butler appeared on the verandah, bear-

ing, in great pomp on a silver tray, a box of small but exceptionally choice cigars. The Crossus fumbled with the cigars for a moment, and then, flushed of face and enormous of voice, he indignantly

gave vent to "Dammit, man! They're no good! Go back and get me one that can be seen from the road!"

A barrister was engaged on his examination in chief of a tradesman who was prosecuting an empty-pocketed customer for a small debt. Said the barrister: "Now, Sir, your name is John Smith, is it not?" The tradesman replied, rather nervously: "It his." "And," went on the lawyer, "you are a grocer, are you not?" To which the





ENGAGED: MR. W. A. McADAM, M.C., AND MISS IRENE TILBURY.

Miss Irene Tilbury is the daughter of Mr. H. Tilbury, who is well known in business circles. Her engagement to Mr. W. A. McAdam, M.C., has been announced.

complainant laconically answered: "I ham." At which moment defendant's counsel suavely interpolated the observation, "And a very well-dressed one, too."

Definition provided by an ex-soldier who has been trying to understand the latest craze or cult: "Psycho-analysis. H'm! Just Metaphysical jerks, that's all."

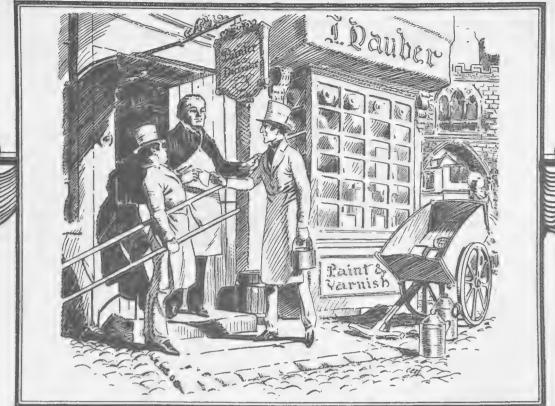
I heard one of the merry men describe one of the glooms the other day in a manner that appealed to me. You try it, as applying to any kill-joy you know, and you 'll be surprised at the appropriateness of the picture: "He looks like one of the Corsican Brothers looking for the other one in the wrong country."

A good excuse is often a poor apology.. A good apology frequently serves as an acceptable excuse.

Fortunate is the man who cannot afford to deny himself the luxury of a mild asceticisn.

An impecunious artist who lived in Chelsea-of course, it would have been quite as explanatory of the man had we said merely "an artist "-was one day sitting in his studio trying to determine as to which place to take the only one picture-frame he had left, in order to purchase the next meal. But he loved that frame. Anything put inside that frame could be sold—if only a buyer would come along. At present the only picture (of no value) that hung in the studio was the useless thing within that frame; but the picture was made beautiful by its surroundings. Just then a visitor entered and proclaimed himself, by his general appearance, a man of more means than an artist, and, by his first words, as a friend who wanted to buy himself a picture. With assumed nonchalance the artist regretted that the only picture he had at the moment to sell was "That"-pointing to the creation within the frame. "I'll take that," said the visitor. "How much do you want for it?" The artist didn't wish to declare an astonishment at so sudden a deal, and-again with assumed nonchalance-said, "Oh, say thirty-five." The visitor apologised for having only a little small change, and asked if a cheque would do. The cheque was signed, the picture packed (without the frame), and the artist hurried off to the bank, where he was told that the cheque could not be cashed to bearer as it was crossed. Thence to the nearest landlord of a local hostelry, who said, "My dear fellow, I can't do this; but I'll let you have a quid, and give you the balance when I come from the bank." "But why?" pleaded the artist. "It's only thirty-five." And then he fell back in a faint as the publican said, "Suppose you think it's shillings. But it's guineas!

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smile and a sinking heart, accompanies her husband to the Coloniesor, as they should now be described, the British Dominions Beyond the Seas. It never seems to occur to some of these writers that, after all, a woman's place is by her husband's side. Don't make a I am as full of admiration as anyone for the woman who mistake. faces life under, very often, the most primitive conditions in far-away countries. Now and again, however, one can't help feeling that too much stress is laid on the mere "going away" part of the business, and too little on the sacrifice of appearances entailed. This sounds frivolous; but, quite seriously, it is no light matter. The woman who can consent to look more or less of a "guy" with equanimity is,

fortunately, a rare being, and the early "coloniste," if such a word may be used, deserved to rank among the heroines of the world.

The Way of It. For what hapthing like this. Off she went with a trunk or two full of "useful,"
"serviceable" garments, more garments, more often than not selected with very little real knowledge of the conditions of life in the country that was to be her new home. In any case, "becoming" qualities were the last she considered. goodness only knows, except that until comparatively lately, the enterprising woman was popularly supposed to be an unsexed creature indifferent to her personal appearance. But those bad old days have gone away. Women not only accompany their colonist husbands, they go a-colonising on their own! And the war is not so old but that all of us can remember

the marvellous agricultural feats in the way of ploughing and so forth accomplished by the members of the Land Army.

Facts for To-Day. But that is by the way. What is more to the point is that every woman-whether she happens to be the wife of someone who intends to seek his fortunes beyond the seas or is merely one of those lucky people who can trot off for a six months' visit to India or Africa, New Zealand or Canada, just for "a change"—can do it with as becoming an outfit as any daughter of Eve ever possessed. What happened was this. As I have already remarked, Eve the colonist-or rather, the colonist's wife-was at one time rather neglected by the people who design women's clothes. Then-it was years and years agocame Robert Heath, Ltd., of Knightsbridge-of 37 and 39, Knightsbridge, London, S.W., to be absolutely correct—to provide her with just exactly what was "right," as well as smart and becoming in the way of clothes.

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Judge for yourselves of the becoming effects of Look and See. some of the items in a Heath outfit. Ella Fulton has sketched more than one item for the special benefit of readers of this page. There is that belted coat, for example, in fawn-coloured "twillette," with the double-purpose skirt that can be used for walking or riding, just as suits the convenience of the wearer. The "twillette" is "proofed" against rain; but, if it should happen that you want it in linen or tussore, all you have to do is to make your wishes on the subject known to Robert Heath. As for the stock, it is of silky poplin; and the "pull-on" hat is of the finest quality felt in grey, or tan, or nigger, or other neutral shades, and the precise tone is something you must decide for yourself.

Long ago someone brought out a book called "Curry and Rice." It showed our great-grand-Then and Now. fathers and grandmothers at home in India. At the precise moment I can't be certain whether they all wore pith helmets or whether some of them indulged in double "terai" hats as a protection against the fierce attentions of the sun. But it is no matter. I can remember my own mother wearing in India a double "terai" with a blue " gree" finished with gold-a far heavier and hotter affair than either of the single "terai" hats, finished, the one with a twist of selfcoloured ribbon, and the other with a fringed band of felt, that Ella Fulton illustrates on this page. In the one case you see the

becoming effect of a black satin stock on a Heath specialty blouse

of white washing silk. The latter, plainly tailored, can be had in two qualities, though in one instance you can't see very much of it, because of the coat, especially designed for the woman who rides astride, worn over it. Now, perhaps, Thinking of you have Everything. come to the conclusion that Robert Heath

specialises only in riding kit. Banish, please, any such delusion. Briefly, the situation is this. If you are contemplating a visit to any of our Overseas Dominions. or have, say, a big-game shooting expedition, or an exploring trip in prospect, do, as you value your personal appearance, go to 37-39, Knightsbridge, lay the matter before the authorities, and then be guided by their advice. The dress wants for which they cater are

many and varied, but rather specially do they themselves out to provide suitable equipment for those women about to embark on enterprises of

The Right Idea. You ask any woman what she thinks of a "helmet," and the odds are that she will describe it as a plain, practical, and not too becoming pith creation. In many cases she is right, only that it is of importance to grasp the fact that a helmet shape is not necessarily inseparable from pith. Heath's, of Knightsbridge, prove this in the most becoming way by showing a beautifully lightweight helmet for afternoon or dress wear. But, instead of being of pith pure and simple, it is covered in plain or flowered crêpe-de-Chine, with a pleated effect not only above, but below the brim; and as it is to be had in a number of shades, its usefulness is greatly increased.

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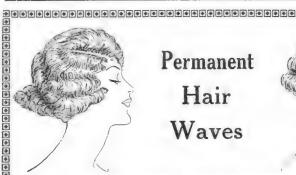
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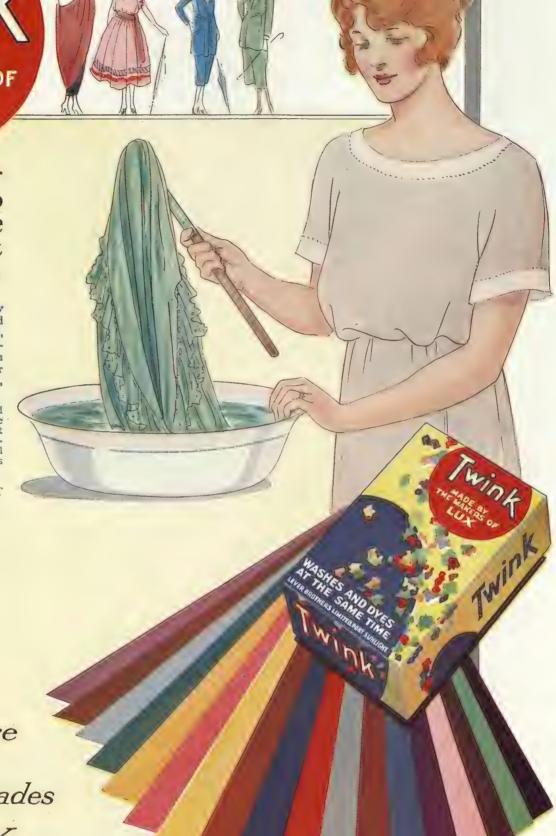
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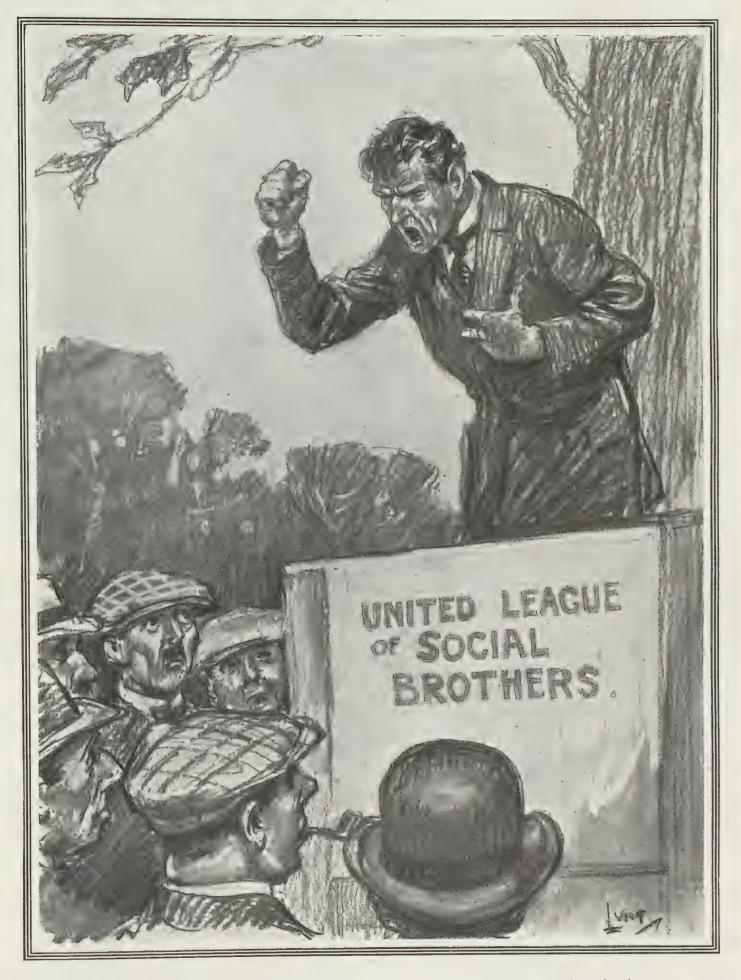
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THE WOMAN ABOUT TOWN

The engagement of the Earl of A Wedding-Day The engagement of Dalkeith to Miss Mollie Lascelles took Dukedom. most people by surprise. He is heir to a dukedom which-according to Burke-was created on a wedding day. On April 20, 1663, Anne Countess of Buccleuch was married to the Duke of Monmouth, and the happy pair were that day created Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, Earl and Countess of Dalkeith, and Baron and Baroness Scott of Whitchester and Eskdale. The Duke lost his head later; but the Duchess kept her honours, which may have been because she was accounted not only the richest heiress, but the finest woman of her age; anyway, her son succeeded her, and the dukedom has passed from father to son ever since.

Lord Dalkeith has always been known Duke's Heir as a really nice boy and man. He to Wed. began his education at a private school at Malvern, where his youngest brother is now. Then he went to Eton, and in 1915 entered the Grenadier Guards and served through the war. When it was over he went as A.D.C. to the Duke of Devonshire to Canada. and returned last year. His fiancée is the granddaughter of the late Sir Frank Lascelles, a well-known diplomatist and Ambassador at St. Petersburg and Berlin. She is a great-niece of the Duke of Devonshire's sister, the late Lady Edward Cavendish, and the young people perhaps met in Canada, which has quite a matrimonial atmosphere. Miss Mollie Lascelles was often with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's daughters, and many of their friends visited them in the Dominion.

I feel that I must break it gently; What Will sudden joyous tidings have been Labour Sav? known to cause collapse, as well as those of tragic nature. I was having a heart-to-heart talk about a corset: whether it were better to have one repaired at a cost of three guineas, or to have it mended



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at much less cost, and have a new The former one at six guineas. course was adopted, and the corset lady said: "I believe the cost will be down a guinea in a little time, for wages must come down!". I was conversing about prices at a sale, and the head of a department said prices of labour must come down or we must buy where we can (that meant Germany, etc.), for the public neither can nor will buy any more Good news at exorbitant prices. from two sources in one day; but what will Labour say?

Other Forms of I was at a thé dansant the other Hard Labour. afternoon in a lovely house. The ball-room was a beautiful apartment, all soft, deepcream colour, with scintillating crystal electroliers. The band was very staccato and very emphatic; there were lots of pretty ladies and girls, but the precious sex was rather scarce. A boy in a lounge suit and a soft blue shirt and collar and blueand-white tie assured me that "fellows really had to work now, and had no time for dances in the afternoon." I noticed that some middle-aged men entered the arena with spirit, and were far more formally attired than the youths, for the which, indeed, they dissolved in perspiration. Is it really true, I wonder, that very young men are justifying their existence by work?—or is it that they have grown weary of pushing partners about to much-accentuated music, and prefer other forms of hard labour?

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The sales, whereat many thousands of jumpers were Waists, Not purchased, will give a little further impetus to the epidemic of "jumperitis." It will not, however, Wasters. last long, for the women who have flair for dress will have none of them. I hear that even blouses of the most diaphanous and ornate will make no appeal to those who lead the fashion. They are intent on whole dresses to match. Sleeves may be of different and of semi-transparent material, but bodices and skirts are to be real affinities. The waist-line will not be emphasised, I am told, as waists have not been sufficiently disciplined after their years of riotous freedom. They will, however, be indicated, and that at the portion of our frames where nature places them. These are but broad hints of the fashions before us; they are as much, however, as it is safe to give about this fickle dictator so early in the year.

The winter sales are not by any means a lost oppor-Not a Lost tunity: there is a first-rate one at that celebrated Opportunity. house, Walpole's, 89 and 90, New Bond Street, which goes on till the 31st inst., and at which the bargains in every department are unprecedented, and better now than during the first days of the sale. There are table-cloths and dinner-napkins which have been slightly damaged in weaving; the damage has to be very carefully looked for to be apparent. These are being sold at half the usual prices. There are cotton sheets, hemmed and plain, as well as twill, from 33s. 6d. to 49s. 6d. a pair, according to size. In this offer there are extraordinary bargains. Net curtains form another excellent field for investment; particularly handsome ones of beautiful design and British make, 60 in. wide and $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards long, are offered for 36s. 6d. a pair. Every woman who has had Walpole blouses knows and appreciates their style and quality. In heavy French crêpe-de-Chine, which will wash perfectly, these are being sold for 49s. 6d., in pink and ivory, and in sizes 42, 44, 46 and 48. These are but the slightest indications of a really fine chance of purchasing Walpole's splendid things at most moderate prices.

The paths of the pioneer are always fascinating. Accordingly, success is certain for Mr. Frank Hedges Butler's "Fifty Years of Travel by Land, Water, and Air." The author has adventured much. On land he has wandered in Europe, in the States, in Morocco, in India, in East Africa, and in the less "regulation" Lapland; he has crossed the Channel by air; he has made over a hundred free balloon ascents; he was one of the first two Englishmen to go from a given point and return to it in a dirigible; he first flew in an aeroplane with Wilbur Wright, in 1908; he owned his first car—a Benz described as a motor velocipede and costing £120—in 1897. There is magic in the very dates! Throughout it all, he was a chiel takin' notes. The result is a book of exceptional

The Æolian Company, whose "Vocalion" enjoys such a splendid reputation, have recently entered the field as gramophone record manufacturers, and have already made a name in this direction. The list of available records is a long one, and ranges over all fields of music, from rag-time to classical quartets. Such famous names as Rosing, Miss Destournelles, Albert Sammons, Felix Salmond, and Lenghi-Cellini are included, and the quality of the records is of the highest. Many of the vocal records—such as Rosing's rendering of the well-known "Pagliacci" song; Destournelles' "Musetta's Song" from "La Bohème"; and Lenghi-Cellini's "Celeste Aïda"—are masterpieces of clear and delicate reproduction. The instrumental records are perhaps even more remarkable, as the gramophone reproductions of chamber music are not usually the most successful records; but a hearing of the Minuet and Rondo from Mozart's Trio in E flat (Albert Sammons, Lionel Tertis, and Frank St. Leger) is a notable exception to this. There is also a capital 'cello record by Mr. Felix Salmond of Popper's Gavotte (No. 2) and Saint-Saëns' "Le Cygne."

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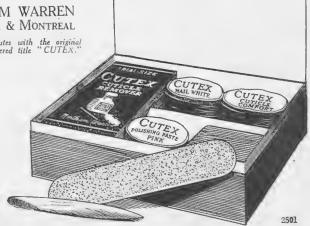
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TE have always held, and often expressed, a very high opinion of the way in which this company is managed, and the report which has just appeared fully confirms our view. There has been a reduction in the retail prices of boots and shoes during the last few months, and for some time past there has been a largely decreased demand in the wholesale market; but Messrs. Sears report a record turnover during the last twelve months. It is, moreover, satisfactory to note that stock in hand at the end of the year did not amount to more than £418,000, or considerably less than half the amount which was shown in the balance-sheets of two of the company's competitors.

In 1919 the company made £96,000, and last year the net profits amounted to a few hundred pounds more. £20,000 is again placed to reserve, bringing that fund up to £100,000, or about 17 per cent. of the issued capital. The dividend on the Ordinary shares is maintained at $\mathbf{17}_{2}^{1}$ per cent. free of income tax, while the carry-forward is increased from £30,444 to £33,159. The Company is obviously reaping the benefit of the soundly conservative financial methods which have been followed in the past.

We have consistently advised our readers to refrain from speculating on a rise in the value of the German mark, and a correspondent writes to ask whether we do not think the time has come to change our opinion. We do not; and, lest it be thought that our attitude is controlled by pigheadedness, the following quotation from the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung may be of interest: "The floating debt [of Germany] is continually increasing, and the excessive use of the printing press is a danger which may lead to a total collapse of currency which will make marks unsaleable abroad."

Those who have a hankering after premium bonds will have an opportunity next month, when the new Belgian premium bonds are offered. They will take the form of 4 per cents. at 80, and the prizes will be numerous and valuable. Belgian currency is one in which there seems to be more prospect of appreciation than in most of the Continental moneys, which is an added attraction. Care should be taken, however, as to the channel through which the bonds are purchased, and if any difficulty is experienced in procuring details through a bank or a member of the Stock Exchange, application should be made to the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger.

Courtesy is a valuable adjunct to business, and we think one of the big West End stores showed admirable restraint the other day when they sent back the Prayer-Book of one of their customers. They wrote an exceedingly polite letter, saying that they had found it in the pocket of an expensive fur coat which she had had on approval, but had decided not to purchase!

OUR STROLLER IN THROGMORTON STREET.

"What I want is to find the winner of the One-Thirty."

The two men were standing at an Old Broad Street entrance to the Stock Exchange, and Our Stroller followed them into the House.

His guides stopped at what looked like a solitary telephone call-box on the left. It had a brilliant light. There seemed to be something mysterious about the business, and half-a-dozen blocked up the door, as though to bar the entrance of intruders.

Our Stroller tried to edge his way in, but failed to achieve success. He caught several names, and tried to recollect when he had heard them

"Why, of course," said he to himself, "I remember now. Ten to one The Field. Bar one," he added, as he fell into the Westralian Market.

(Only mid-Victorian members of the Stock Exchange will know it under this name, so the camouflage is complete.)

There was a pleasant hum, a cheerful lilt, a hopeful atmosphere, about the place. Our Stroller had caught the Stock Exchange on one of its good days. These do not happen five times a week. He sat down to listen and to observe.

But none of these silver mines can be making any profit?"

"Oh, but they will. Never fear. It's out of all reason to suppose that silver will be a drug in the market for ever."

"Then Santa Gertrudis and—

- "Look at the Notes at 20 discount. They're a good spec., surely?"
- " Must be, if anything is these times."

"Broken Hill Props. are cheap, too."

- " If you are content to keep them until the metals recover and Australian labour conditions settle down again."
- 'Australia 's in a very funny state altogether, it seems to me. Her extremists will go to any lengths to get their own ends. "All the same, I don't believe this will lead them to repudiation,
- "Oh, neither do I. But the bare idea of such a thing ten years ago would have been unthinkable, whereas we discuss it almost calmly to-day. "Things do change, don't they. D'you remember-

Our Stroller had had past experience of Stock Exchange reminiscences, so he got up and moved across the Mining Market, bearing slightly to the [Continued overleaf.



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left. He anchored by a board of mining notices, and professed to be engrossed in an interesting sheet of Malayan tin-mining particulars.
"You can see what it is," he overheard. "Tin companies can't make

much profits with tin at the present price-

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"That's so. But when the E.P.D. goes, and the price of tin starts improving again, you won't be able to see our shares for the dust that will be made by their rises."

"' Hark, hark, the lark!' chanted another voice. "Going to the

Stock Exchange Choir Concert on the twenty-sixth ?"

"Certainly, if you'll give me a ticket."

"Haven't got one myself. Toss you for two."

"Right you are. And the winner pays for two hair-cuts." I see vour-

"Two hair-cuts is about right for the pair of you. The barber ought to charge you half-price. When-

Our Stroller, unlike the financial papers, could never get up any particular interest in Stock Exchange personalities, so he edged his way nearer to the Chartered Market.

"Don't say a word of this to anyone else," he overheard. The speaker had a good carrying voice and it reached Our Stroller easily, though he stood three yards away.

"No, of course I won't," was the reply.

"What I hear-but, mind you, this is strictly private." The speaker's voice rose half a tone.

"Oh, quite."

"Because the people I got it from are awfully anxious it shan't go any further. You won't say anything?"

My dear chap-

"No, of course you won't, I know. Only one has to be so careful nowadays. Have you got any?"
"Got any what?"

"Oh, I forgot to say. Well, then, buy yourself some Chinese Mining and Engineering."

I 've had that tip before."

"Not from me. Mind you that. Not from me. But now I tell you to go and buy them for yourself. They 're worth at least a pound a share more."

'It's a very tricky market, though."

"I'm not telling you to buy them for to-morrow or the next day. Lock them up and you 'll thank me for ever.'

"Shall I have to wait as long as that?"

"Don't try to be humorous. Go and put your clients into Chinese Mining."

" Are you a seller, then?"

The tipster took it lying down. "Not at the present price," was his

only reply, and Our Stroller missed the rest of the duologue.

A man near by was calling out "Eastern Pioneers," and Our Stroller, who had a few higher up, was inclined to agree that the shares had got low enough now to make them worth averaging.

"Difficult to beat this Cunard 7 per cent. Debenture stock as an

investment," declared a broker,

"Top-hole stuff, but don't you think we shall have other things equally cheap and good ? "

Another man strolled up. "Things better with you as well?" he asked the jobber. "They're not so bad round the House."
"More tone than trade," the dealer complained. "Still, we are

better here, and that 's something."

Our Stroller found himself leaning against a marking-board, and he watched with interest as members came up, scanned the big boards with printed lists of names of everything dealt in by the Stock Exchange, and dropped little square slips of paper into boxes on the counter.

A member standing next to him was explaining the system to a young

unauthorised clerk.

"When I do a bargain," he said, "I write the name and price on one of those slips of paper and drop it into that box. The chaps behind collect the papers and record the bargain on those lists of prices you see them with. Then the prices are copied on to these big boards here, and we can all get an idea of what bargains are being done at."

Are the prices afterwards sent to the newspapers?"

"They go to the Official List people, the newspapers take the prices from the lists, and to-morrow morning the clients see the prices at which their bargains are done."

Sometimes," added a bystander.

"Well, all the bargains that the people doing them take the trouble to mark. For instance-

"But not all the papers have space enough to put in the full markings.

They can only give a selection."
"Which," soliloquised Our Stroller, as he left the House, "may account for several things I haven't been able to understand hitherto." Friday, Jan. 21, 1921.

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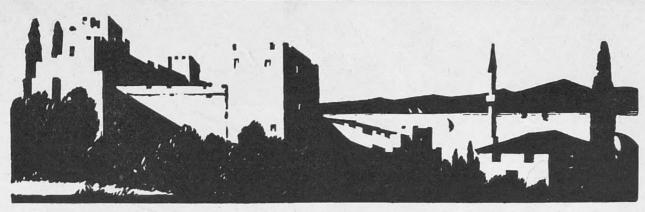
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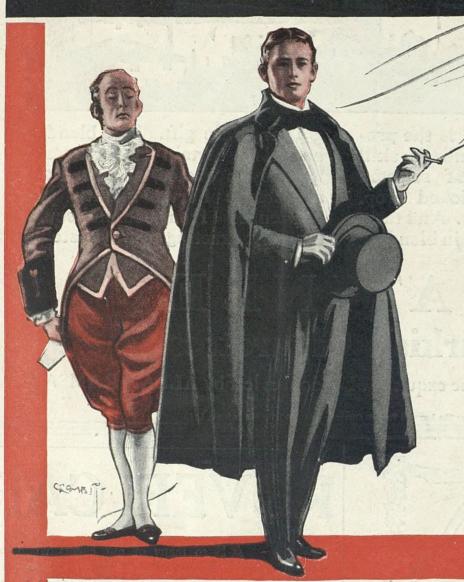
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